



REDS CAPTURE GENERAL TU

Fate Of Trapped Hsuehchow Garrison Still Unknown

Called War Criminal

Nanking, January 12.

General Tu Yu-ming, one of China's great military heroes and leader of the trapped government forces below Hsuehchow, has been captured by the Communists, military sources reported today.

The Communist radio said that General Tu was captured while in disguise as a private and that the last of his 25 surrounded divisions has been annihilated.

Tientsin Tragedy

Shanghai, January 13.
Eugene Grossman, aged 46, noted Tientsin leader, who repudiated Soviet citizenship in an effort to reach Argentina, committed suicide from his sixth floor apartment window on January 12.

Another Try For Peace Planned

Nanking, January 13.
Members of Nationalist China's Control Yuan, the highest supervisory organ of the Kuomintang Government, were making another attempt to reach peace with the advancing Communists, according to reports here today.

Ways And Means

They are understood to be endeavouring to find ways and means of overcoming the obstacles said to be preventing the Nationalist Government and the Communist leaders from fulfilling the Control Yuan's appeal to get together to reach an immediate cease-fire.

Later, they are expected to call on the four ambassadors of the major powers and emphasise the people's desire for peace. In addition they are expected to urge the diplomats to inform their governments of the necessity of foreign good offices to end China's civil war.

TRUMAN CALLS ON MARSHALL

Washington, January 12.
President Truman flew unexpectedly this afternoon to Pinehurst, North Carolina, for a talk with the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall.

Mr. Marshall, who is recovering from a kidney operation, leaves his post as Secretary of State on January 20.
Mr. Eben Ayers, assistant in the office of the Press Secretary (Charles Ross), said: "The President wanted to see him once more while he is still Secretary of State."
Mr. Ayers said the President spent an hour with Mr. Marshall before flying back to Washington in time for dinner tonight.—United Press.

Military sources here said that two of General Tu's leading generals, Chiu Ching-chuan and Li Mi, were missing. These sources said that only 6,000 of his 180,000 starving troops had survived the five weeks of encirclement and that they have been marching South to join other Government forces.

In making the announcement, the Communists referred to General Tu as a war criminal. He was so listed by the Reds on December 25. If actually captured he is the first on the Red war criminal list to be taken.

There is still some uncertainty about the fate of his forces, which originally numbered 250,000, but were believed cut to about 110,000 by a month of entrapment.

A Government spokesman in Nanking, insists General Tu's troops are still fighting.

General Tu's defeat on the Hsuehchow front was the second major military disaster for him in less than three months.

Red Thrust

Communist forces meanwhile, have thrust again into the Hsuehchow area to the North West of Pengpu on Nanking's outer defence screen, about 100 miles North of the capital, the Nationalist military spokesman announced here today.

He claimed that the Communists had been repulsed with 400 casualties.

Other unconfirmed reports said that General Chen Yi was now moving 15 columns South towards the river for the expected battle for the capital before the end of January.

Two of General Liu Po-cheng's Communist columns mauling near the Hsuehchow river yesterday been sent West to intercept fleeing Government troops.

Band Driven Off

A Communist force of about 100 attempted last night to cut the Pukou-Pengpu Railway, but were driven off by the railway police.

The Communist assault against Tientsin continued yesterday without having reached an armistice agreement, pro-Government press reports said today.

Radio-telephone contact between Shanghai and Tientsin failed last night, blocking direct contact with the beleaguered city.

Tientsin's four City Councilors are reported to have declared on their return from the Red lines that the Communist demands could not be met. It was understood at the negotiations hoped to be unhindered evacuation of Government troops and safety for the residents.

Peace Rumours

Peking buzzed with peace rumours as a result of the arrival of former Mayor Ho Sze-yun, General Li Yu-ching, former high officer of the Generalissimo's Staff, and the National Assemblyman, Li Ho, who is widely known for his outspoken peace views.

All three talked with the North China commander, General Fu Tso-yi, yesterday and Ho talked with the American Consul General, but none of them revealed his mission.
Breaking the long-tall, the Communist armies besieging Peking today opened up with artillery against the Nationalist de-

fences in the immediate outskirts of the city, according to private reports, filtering through strict North China censorship.

This is said to be the first time that the Reds are using big guns against the ancient capital since they threw a steel ring round the city, exactly a month ago. The damage hitherto caused is not yet known.

Losing Control

Meanwhile, informed observers in Shanghai said that with the rapid deterioration of the military and political situations, the Nationalist Government may lose whatever little control they still possessed over the field commanders and provincial governors.

They are of the opinion that every day which passes without the Nationalists being able to bring about a negotiated peace, diminishes their chance of getting more favourable terms.

Among the latest spate of peace formulae arriving in government offices in Nanking, according to Chinese reports, was one from a Legislative Yuan member, Mr. Chang Chieh-lun, who asked for a people's conference on peace.

Mr. Chang, together with a group of legislators, is said to be preparing a peace plank which would be discussed at a forum to which the Soviet and American ambassadors would be invited to attend.—United Press, Associated Press and Reuters.

Problems Of The S'hai "Refugee"

To go or not to go, that is the question confronting many Shanghailanders living in Hong Kong today.

Thousands of Shanghai residents, who sought refuge in Hong Kong from the civil war, now wonder whether they should return or not.

The high cost of living, housing shortage and other problems facing the Shanghai evacuees, plus the persistent peace rumours, have combined to make him dissatisfied here.

Nearly all the evacuees from Shanghai came here with the intention of staying in a place of safety only for a few short weeks while the warring factions fought it out to the bitter end. They believed that the Communists would soon sweep into Nanking, and then Shanghai.

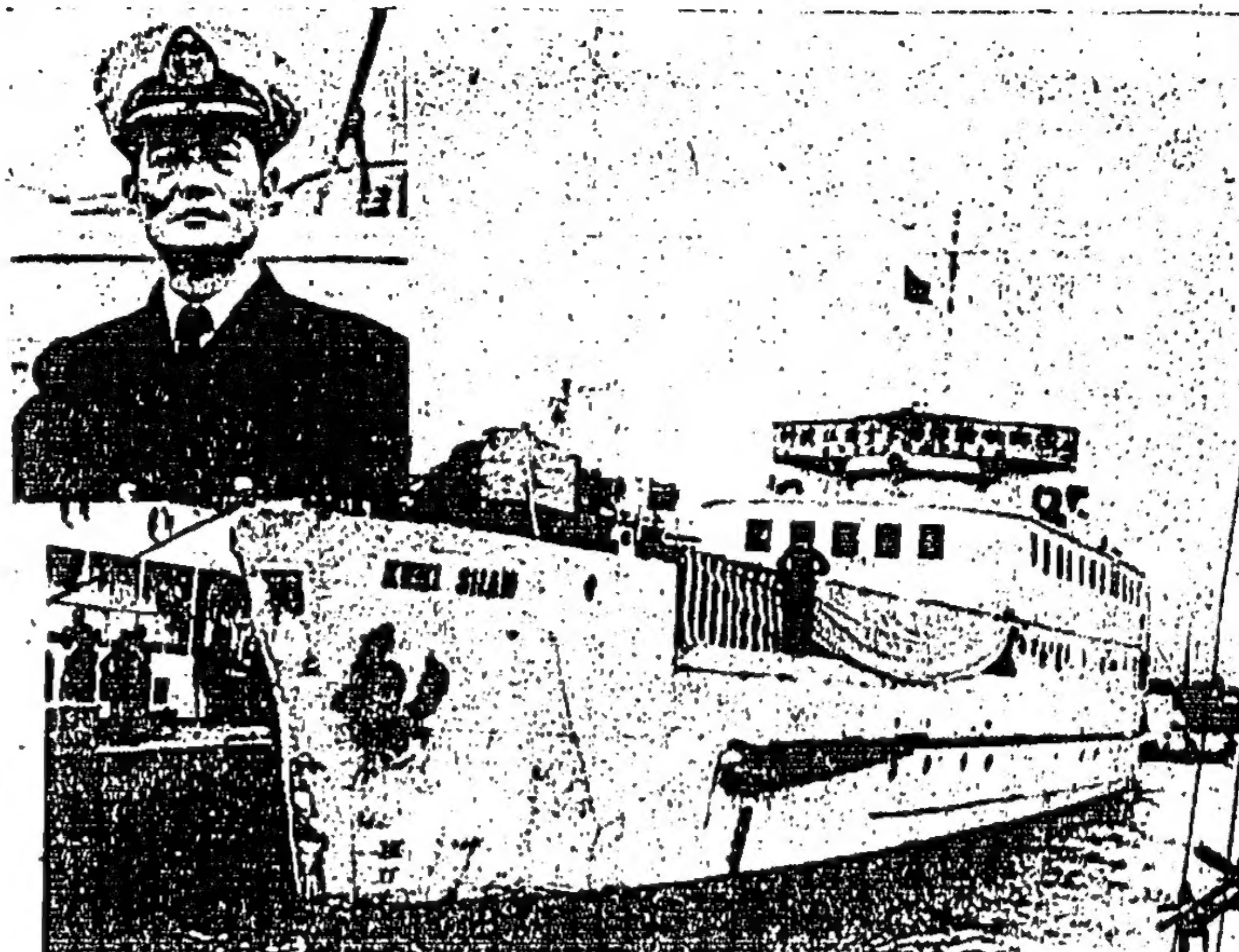
It is now more than three months since the Reds started rolling the front of the three-year-old civil war toward the Yangtze River. Today, Nanking and Shanghai are still in Nationalist hands.

Communist Promises.
In the meantime, the Nationalists started talking about a negotiated, honourable peace, while the Communists, flushed with successes, promised that they would respect private properties.

Since his arrival here, the refugee from Shanghai has been having difficulty trying to make the necessary financial, social and mental adjustments.

He complained that living in Hong Kong was too expensive and too dull, and protested that Shanghai, yesterday in war, was a cheaper, livelier and more exciting place to live in.

A business man evacuee told the "China Mail" that uncertainty what to do in the present circumstances was costing him a great deal.



Four of 17 pirates, disguised as steerage passengers, were killed outright when they attempted to seize the mv. Kwei Shan when she was 50 minutes out from Canton on Tuesday night. Seven were arrested, two seriously wounded and four escaped by jumping into the sea. Inset is Mr. Lai Ju-mei, master of the vessel, who was shot at twice by a pirate before the latter jumped into the sea.—(China Mail) Photo.

PIRACY IN HONG KONG

Raiders Seize HK\$10,000 From Ferry Passengers

Seven pirates seized control of a Hong Kong ferry boat yesterday and escaped into the New Territories after robbing the passengers of more than HK\$10,000 in money and jewellery.

One of the passengers, 46-year-old Man Kong-to, was shot in the left thigh when he refused to hand over a diamond ring.

The ferry boat, Man Tai, operated by the Hong Kong and Yumail Ferry Company on the 25-mile run between Hong Kong and Nam Tau in Chinese territory, left the Colony at 7 a.m. yesterday.

It reached Nam Tau without incident and left the Chinese town at 11:30 on her return trip with 104 passengers and 16 crew.

About 10 minutes later, pirates, disguised as passengers, blew whistles to attract the attention of the passengers.

Two armed men forced the coxswain of the ferry boat to slow down the engines while other pirates herded the passengers to one part of the vessel.

Threatened with revolvers, the passengers were forced to surrender their money and jewellery. One passenger refused to take off a diamond ring. He was shot in the thigh and the ring was taken off his finger.

Following the directions of the pirates, the coxswain arrived off Nim Wan, on the North side of Castle Peak in the New Territories, at 12:20 p.m.

Escaped By Sampan
These they commandeered a sampan and escaped ashore. Two vessels on their way to Nam Tau passed by at the time but failed to notice the plight of the ferry boat.

After resuming her voyage, the ferry boat met a Water Police launch and reported the matter to the officer in charge. Radio messages were sent to Hong Kong as a result of which the Water Police launch No. 2—converted air rescue craft—was sent out. It, however, found no trace of the pirates in the area where they went ashore.

The ferry boat was ordered to Castle Peak Bay where the police took statements from the passengers and crew.

The wounded passenger was sent to hospital by ambulance from Castle Peak.

The ferry boat reached Hong Kong at 6:35 p.m.—four hours behind schedule.

RAPE CHARGE

Guam, January 13.
The Governor of Guam said today that three U.S. Servicemen, all negroes, are being charged with the kidnap, rape and murder of Ruth Farinworth. The 27-year-old San Francisco woman was seized on the night of December 11 in a Jada shop where she worked part time. She was found the next day in the jungle, unconscious and her clothing torn. She died on December 13.—Associated Press.

Four Pirates Killed Aboard mv. Kwei Shan

(By Our Harbour Reporter)
Seventeen pirates, disguised as steerage passengers, made a futile attempt to seize the mv. Kwei Shan on Tuesday night shortly after the river vessel left Canton for the Colony, where she arrived yesterday, three and a half hours late.

Four pirates were shot dead, two seriously wounded and seven arrested. The others escaped by jumping overboard.

Only two pirates revolvers were recovered. Eye-witnesses, however, reported seeing some armed pirates jumping into the sea.

Information of such an attempt was received by the master, Mr. Lai Ju-mei, before he cast away. The Canton Police detailed 22 detectives, disguised as passengers, to guard the ship. Only one of them was injured when a pirate clubbed him with a gun.

As a precaution, the firing pins of the ship's regular revolvers were removed should the pirates use the weapons themselves. This saved the lives of two guards, Yung Yee-men and Choi Chung-min, both of whom were shot at with their own guns after the pirates had seized them.

This was the first incident of its kind aboard the Chinese vessel, which has been plying between Canton and Hong Kong for nearly two years.

No threatening letters had been received, the Kwangsi Navigation Company said.

Warned Beforehand

A few minutes before the Kwei Shan was due to leave the Cheng Yuen Wharf, Canton, the master said he was informed by the commodore: "It is very dangerous tonight. I have received information that some pirates are aboard among the passengers." Police aid was enlisted as a precaution and the necessary measures were taken before the ship left the Macao Fort quarantine area.

Just before the vessel reached Parker Point on Barrow Island, 60 minutes out of Canton, some passengers quarrelled over bed space. Almost immediately after they were pacified, two pirates held up Yung Yee-men, who was standing on guard at the entrance to the No. 1 hold on the upper deck. One of them, later identified as Kwok Wo, drew out Yung's "revolver" and fired twice point blank at his stomach.

Both then rushed to the commodore's office, where the ship's nurse were counting the passengers' fares. Choi, on guard at the door of the cabin, was held up by Chan Sing and fired at twice by Kwok Wo with Choi's own weapon.
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STRIKERS TO BE REINSTATED

The taxicab companies and their striking drivers reached a settlement of their nearly fourth-month-old dispute yesterday when the companies agreed to reinstate 322 of the strikers.

The companies had agreed earlier to increase wages from \$6.50 to \$6.75 a day and to make some concessions in working conditions, but they refused to discharge their new drivers.

Re-employment of the 322 old drivers will be decided by ballot. This will bring the total number of drivers on the companies' payrolls to 558, the same as before the strike.

Jet Vampire Returns

The RAF Vampire jet-propelled fighter plane from Singapore was brought to Hong Kong on board HMS Belfast from Talung beach yesterday.

The plane, which made a forced landing on Tuesday on the beach, some 25 miles North East of Kait Tak, was transferred to a landing craft on arrival here of the Belfast and was towed across the harbour to Kait Tak.

It will undergo a thorough examination before it takes off on a local flight.

The first public demonstration will be given over Hong Kong at 12 noon tomorrow. The official demonstration will take place on Monday at 3:15 p.m. at Kait Tak.

Invitations to the official demonstration issued previously are valid for Monday.

The Vampire, piloted by Flight-Lieutenant C. French, will leave for Manila on Wednesday.

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At 8:00 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the Siberian anticyclone continues to dominate China and the neighbouring seas and is intensifying. The depression now centred 82° of Hokkaido has deepened and is moving rapidly North Eastwards. Pressure is low over Equatorial regions of the Pacific.

Today's Forecast—Light variable winds. Fair or fine.
Weather—
Maximum: 65.1 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 53.3 deg. Fah.
Rainfall: Nil.
Total since Jan. 1—2.0 mm.
Average of 18.3 mm.—0.62 inch.
Readings at:
10 a.m. 4 p.m.
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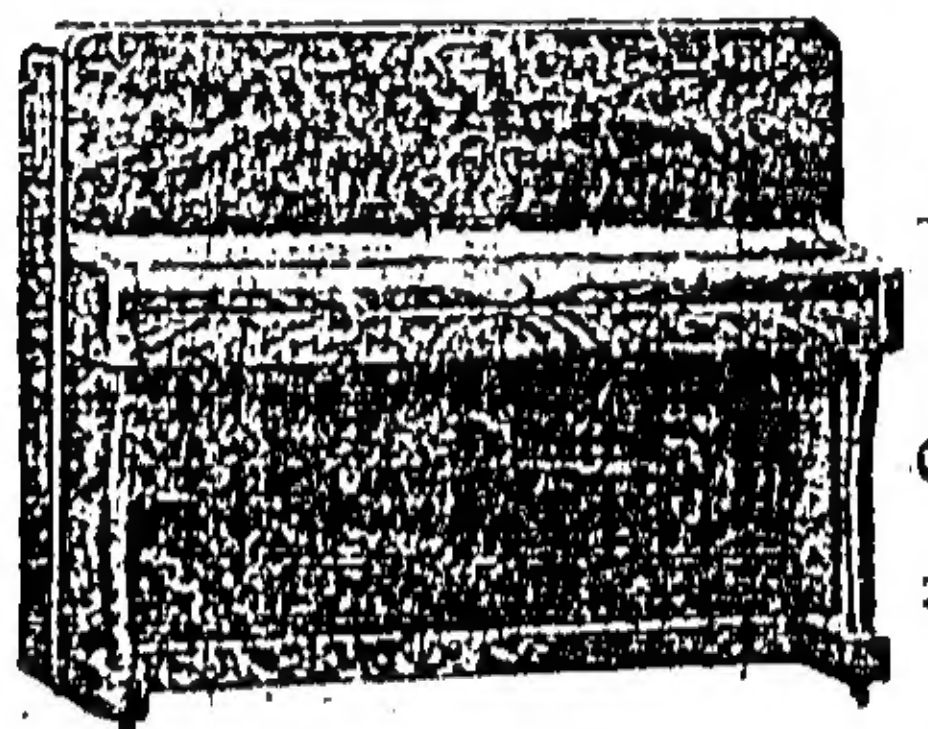
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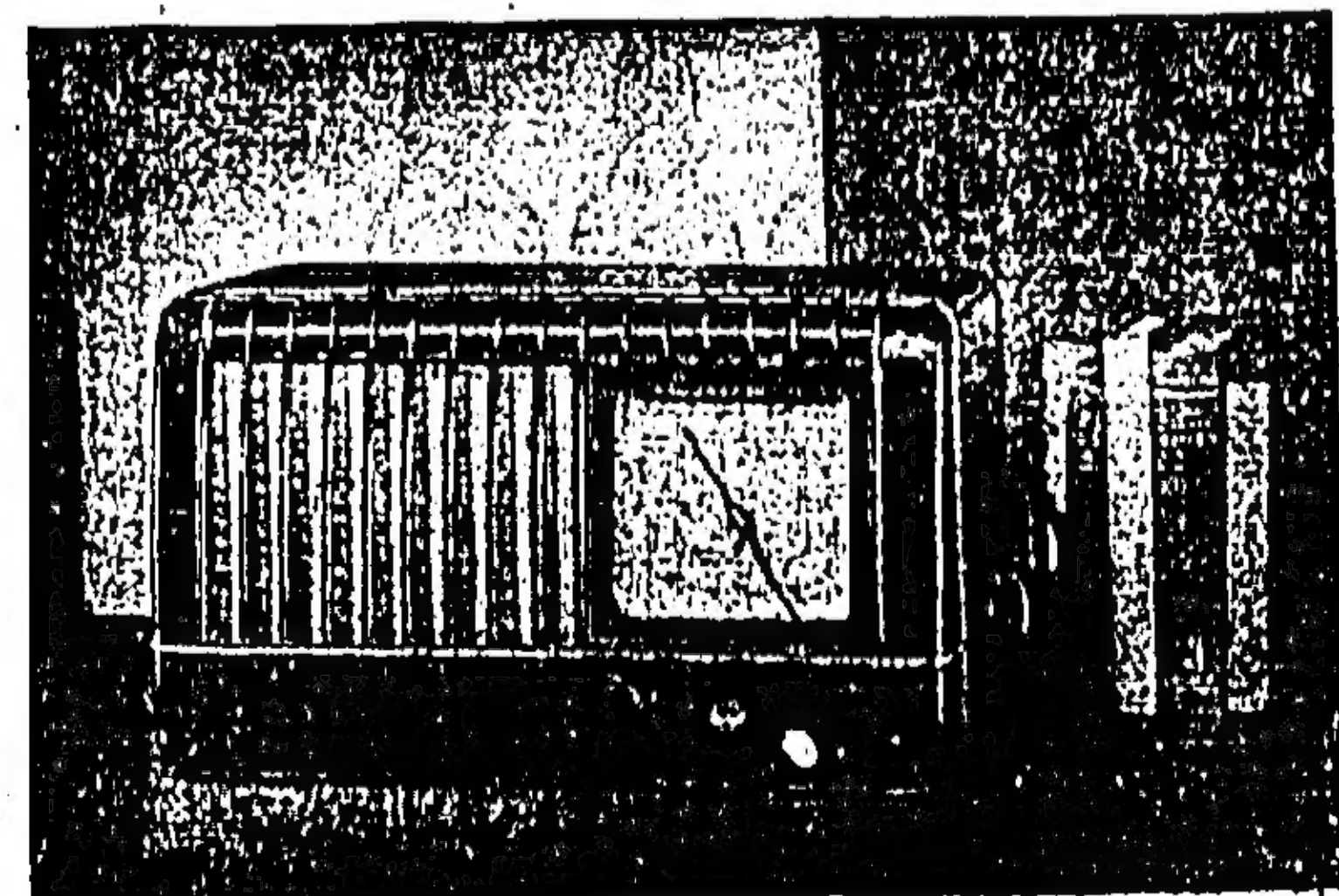
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PWD Witness Admits Altering Statement

An admission that he had altered his original statement to the police in the course of committal proceedings at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court, was made yesterday by Charles M. Rowe, electrical engineer of Pacific Air Maintenance and Supply Company, at yesterday's hearing of the PWD larceny trial.

The trial involves Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Austin Spary, Grade 1 electrical inspector, who are charged with 12 counts of larceny by public servant, obtaining money by false pretences, and conspiracy to defraud the Government.

Rowe, who was recalled for cross-examination by Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton, counsel for Spary, told the court that in his statement to the police he had mentioned a telephone talk with Spary when, in fact, he had not been able to contact Spary at that time.

Giving his reason for this, Rowe explained that all he had been ever wanted to do was to get the kind of statement which he had to do at Kai Tak and that when the electrical job was finished he never expected to be asked to give evidence in the trial.

Witness further admitted that when he had had time to reflect on the matter later on, he decided he had not spoken to Spary at all and that subsequently he had said this in evidence in the lower court.

Witness stated that O.E. Julebin, who had given evidence at a previous hearing, had been a clerk at the CPA, but that he had left the company a month or two ago. Asked by Counsel why he left, Rowe replied that he did not know, but that he thought Julebin was going to take a better position elsewhere.

Mr. D'Alton then referred to Julebin's cross-examination, in which Julebin had said he was not a clerk at the CPA, but that he had left the company a month or two ago. Rowe replied that he did not know, but that he thought Julebin was going to take a better position elsewhere.

Rowe was then asked whether he himself had referred to the men working at the huts as "the huts men," to which witness replied that, to the best of his knowledge, he had not.

Witness further disclosed that at the time the jobs at the huts were being carried out, Harris was in charge. Harris' present position, he added, was Manager of the Pacific Air Maintenance.

Asked whether he knew if Harris informed the police when he left the Colony on December 20, witness said he did not know, but that he thought Harris did not do so. It was on the instance of the company, witness went on, that Harris left Hong Kong, for a holiday, as he had been working with the company for some time and was quite run down.

One Month Or Longer

Counsel inquired how long Harris was going to be absent, and witness replied that it was tentatively one month or longer.

Mr. D'Alton: "When this case started last August, when inquiries began to be made, you made a statement to the police. Later in the course of committal proceedings you changed that statement, did you not?"

Witness: Yes.

Would it be right that your original statement was that you had run up Spary?—Did I mention Spary's name?"

It returned to the statement given to the police. Did you mention it?—Yes, I did.

Subsequently you changed your statement to the effect that you had run up the PWD exchange, and that you did not speak to Spary?—Yes.

Witness also admitted that in the lower court, the Crown had wanted to treat him as a hostile witness as a result of the alteration.

Rowe then explained to the court that as the kind of work at Kai Tak was a strenuous one and he had to concentrate a good deal, he did not take much interest in the electrical jobs being done.

Witness then read aloud the statement which he had made to the police, after which, Crown Counsel, Mr. Hooton, asked whether in the statement he had referred to the foreman as "the one with the gold teeth."

At this point, Mr. Chen counsel for Kwok Kwong, objected to this, saying that this statement had been put in arising out of the cross-examination by Mr. D'Alton on a statement which was later corrected. Counsel submitted that the statement was not evidence so far as his client was concerned.

Mr. Hooton replied by stating that, since the statement had arisen out of cross-examination it could stand as evidence.

Crown Counsel submitted that he was entitled to clear up what the witness meant by "the one with the gold teeth."

Objection

At this stage, Mr. Chen objected to the way the question was being put, and submitted that it was prejudicial to his client.

He then made a formal application that the present jury be discharged, a new trial be ordered and that the accused be granted separate trials.

The application was refused by Mr. Justice Reynolds, after which Crown Counsel went on with his question.

Witness, in reply to the question as to whom he had referred to as "gold teeth" in his statement, indicated the first accused in the dock.

The jury then asked witness whether he asked to speak to Spary when he phoned the PWD, to which witness answered that the voice who answered the phone, a male one, did not give him any name at all.

Mr. D'Alton then rejoined that the witness had said when he rang up the exchange he was told that Spary was in conference. Witness agreed to this.

The next witness, Ho Ting, foreman of the PWD Wanchai workshop, testified to having gone in April or May, 1948, to the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club with Spary.

He stated he was told by Spary to inspect the wiring in the club. Mr. Forsythe of the Club was also present, he said, as well as a chargehand, Tang Ting.

Estimate Ordered

Witness went on to say that he was later ordered to make an estimate of the materials required for the job by Spary. This he did and handed the estimate to Spary. About 10 days later Spary told him to begin the work.

Witness said he asked Spary from where to get materials to which Spary is alleged to have replied to get them from the second floor of the workshop at Wanchai.

Six hundred yards of wire were then taken out of the workshop and sent over to the Yacht Club, witness stated.

Spary was then alleged to have handed over to witness \$200 as "tea-money" and to have told witness that it was for those who worked at the electrical job at the club.

Witness also testified having gone into the Hong Kong Football Club with Spary some time after the re-wiring at the Yacht Club, which was three or four months later. Witness said Spary told him to put up three fans in the sitting room in front of the canteen.

Witness at this point corrected himself as to the dates of the jobs done. He stated that the job at the Hong Kong Football Club was done sometime in 1947 and that the one at the yacht club in 1948.

He further testified that he went into a European dentist's office in the Gloucester Building some time in July, or August, 1947, in company with Spary, and that he was there instructed by Spary to alter the position of certain lamps and put up two fluorescent lamps.

Witness said that the two lamps were obtained from the Wanchai workshop later on and put up as instructed by Spary.

Yuen Ki, an assistant of Ho Ting, then went into the witness box to give evidence as to entries into the material entries book, after which he was cross-examined by the defence.

Hearing will continue this morning.

EXPLOSION OF AMMO DUMP

Manila, January 13. Two Johns Trading Company workers were killed and six others injured yesterday in a second ammunition dump explosion in less than two weeks in Rosario, La Union, in North West Luzon.

The company, a subsidiary of Liggett Brothers of New York, is removing fuses and explosives from more than 80,000 tons of live ammunition.

An exploding grenade yesterday killed the workmen and wounded others, according to the communication by Associated Press.

Banished For Life

Admitting the charges of keeping an opium den and possession of opium, Chan Fu was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, and ordered to be banished for life, by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

When the divan on the roof of 421A Reclamation Street was raided by a police party, led by Detective Sub-Inspector C. Pope, on January 12, 10 smokers were found on the premises.

One of the smokers attempted to escape from custody but was re-arrested after a short chase. That man, Kwok Kwai-cheng, a 35-year-old coolie, was fined \$100, or four weeks' imprisonment, on the smoking charge.

On the additional six weeks on the escaping count. The other 10 smokers were fined \$100 each.

To Yui, who lived on the second floor of 412A Reclamation Street, was alleged to be the man who supplied Chan Fu with the opium for his divan, when he was charged before the same magistrate with possession of 56 pots of prepared opium.

This accused was sentenced to four months' imprisonment and ordered to be banished for 10 years.

Evidence In Murder Case

Further evidence was heard yesterday before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon at the continued committal proceedings on the charge of murder preferred against Wong Fuk-lam.

It was alleged by the prosecution, conducted by Mr. Charles Mottarm, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigations (Kowloon), assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector C.J. Askew, that Wong was the father of defendant, who was murdered by accused at Man Chung Foo.

The motive was stated to be vengeance. The Crown, and witnesses, including Li Kam-mui, alleged that Li Kam-mui, the son of the dead man, and defendant were on intimate relationship.

It was further stated that when Li complained to accused of ill treatment received at the hand of Wong Yau, accused said that he would kill the old man.

Witnesses testified that on August 31, 1948, Wong had been chopped by him with a vegetable chopper.

Hearing was then adjourned to February 2.

Clothing Stolen

Cheung Choi and Tsang Chuen reported to the Kowloon City police on January 11 that between 1 p.m. and 11 p.m. the previous day some one broke the lock of the door of 2 Sai Tau Village and stole four pairs of trousers and two jackets.

Investigations conducted by Detective 1038 led to the arrest of Cheung Chun-choi, 30-year-old unemployed, at Prince Edward Road at 9.45 a.m. on January 12.

The arrested man, according to Sub-Inspector J.H. Evans when Cheung was charged before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, had broken into a hut at Sai Tau Village where three pairs of trousers and the two jackets were found.

Defendant then brought the detective to the Shing Cheung Pawnshop of South Wall Street where the fourth pair of trousers were recovered.

Accused was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and ordered to be banished for life.

BOAC To Stop Bermuda Run

Baltimore, January 12. The British Overseas Airways Corporation today announced that it will discontinue flights between Baltimore and Bermuda next Monday.

The sharp decrease in traffic since 1948 is the reason for the decision.

However, Company officials said, the firm's sales office here will remain open to accommodate persons wishing to fly to Bermuda from New York.

BOAC, which began operations here in 1945, said it carried a passenger load of 13,000 in 1946, 8,910 in 1947, and 4,500 in 1948 on the Baltimore-Bermuda run.

New York, January 12. Physicians today said that Albert Einstein probably will be released from the Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn today or tomorrow, following his abdominal operation.

Britain's Air Giant



The 125-ton Brabazon I, biggest air liner ever built in Great Britain, swings from her eight-perp hangar at Filton, Bristol, to undergo a series of ground tests, which it passed successfully.

DAYLIGHT HOLD-UP

The daring daylight hold up of R. G. B. Hantline and C. J. Maybeth, both of 131 Bounding Street, while they were driving along Military Road near Tai Hang Hau on January 9 was recalled yesterday before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr with armed robbery.

According to the charges preferred by Detective-Inspector D. Davies, Sir Ting, aged 22, and Lam Tin, aged 32, with another man not in custody, robbed, while armed, Ronald George Ballantine and Cherrie Julian Maybeth of \$49, a silver cigarette case, a pair of flying glasses, a combined lighter and propelling pencil, a blue wrist watch, a blue pull-over, a gold wedding ring, a platinum and diamond ring, and an enamel brooch.

These two men were also alleged to have stolen from the person of Olga Nikolaevna Yard, at Clear Water Bay Road near Tai Hang Yiu Village on December 12 last, a handbag containing 40 cents, two lipstick cells, a fruit knife, a hair net, a chronograph, a pen, a woman's handkerchiefs, a bottle of scent, and some personal papers.

Defendants were also accused of being in possession of a Smith and Wesson .32 revolver and five rounds of ammunition at an unnumbered hut at Tai Ho Wan Village, and of the articles stolen from O.N. Yard, at the time of their arrest by Det.-Inspector Davies, Det.-Sgt. Tam Chung and Det.-Cpl. Wu Chung-chi on January 11.

At the request of Sub-Inspector J.H. Evans, accused were remanded for two days in custody.

DANGEROUS GOODS

Under cover of darkness, two boats set sail for China on Wednesday night, each with a load of kerosene on board. The boats were intercepted by the police at Junk Bay at 8.30 p.m. The two boat-masters were taken into custody.

Master of boat No. 3288Y, Wong Shing-kau, and master of boat No. 3082, See Sze-lee, came before Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on charges of breach of dangerous goods regulations, failing to show red light while carrying dangerous goods during the night and loading goods for China at Hung Hom, which is not permitted.

Wong had 36 tins of kerosene on board, while See had 31 tins. When charged at the station, both admitted loading the goods at Hung Hom and that they were heading for San Mei, China.

On the application of Inspector J. Orem, the kerosene was ordered to be confiscated. Both defendants were discharged with a caution.

SYMPATHY FOR HAWKERS

Forty-nine hawkers were sympathetically dealt with by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at the Central Magistracy yesterday. They were given a chance of claiming back their goods seized by the police.

Most of the defendants pleaded guilty to charges of hawkling without licences and causing obstruction on pavements. Fines ranging from HK\$20 to HK\$30 or 10 days' imprisonment were imposed.

One couple was fined HK\$30 or 10 days' imprisonment for selling mussels, contrary to Health regulations.

Sub-Inspector E.S. Thompson prosecuted.

RICKSHA COOLIES DISCHARGED

Held without bail since December 22 last, Chan So-pang and Ngan Chi-yung, two ricksha pullers were discharged by Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when the prosecution, represented by Detective Sub-Inspector W. C. Morrison, offered no evidence against the men.

The two accused were charged with robbing with violence Edward Jones, a ricksha puller, at Road, at 12.30 on December 21. They first faced the magistrate on December 21 and on the application of the police, ordered to be held in custody.

TRAMWAY CASE

Defence counsels' cross examination of a prosecution's witness continued in the hearing of the Tramways' conspiracy case before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday. Fourteen inspectors and one conductor are being charged with conspiracy to defraud the Tramways Company. They are being defended by Mr. Marcus da Silva and Mr. P.C. Woo.

Mr. A.J. Clifford and Mr. P.A.L. Vine are representing the Tramways Company.

Ho Yau was questioned for the best part of yesterday's hearing. Ho Yau was questioned by Mr. da Silva on the refunded amounts made to him by the Tramways Company for sums alleged to have been paid by six conductors to the inspectors, on February 27 and March 5 last year.

Mr. da Silva tried to prove in his cross examination that facts showed refunds were due to only five of the conductors, one having been dismissed on February 24.

Counsel also claimed that witness's evidence mentioned only five men and that the witness was now saying the number was six, only to say that his story would tally with Cheung Sang, the prosecution's chief witness, who had given in his evidence that there were six men.

Mr. da Silva said that the story of the trap laid to apprehend the inspectors was fabricated and that Ho Yau (witness) and other witnesses being designated as accomplices.

Witness denied these allegations. Hearing was adjourned until today.

Gold Seized At Railway

A total of 23 tins of gold was seized during the last two days at Kowloon-Canton Railway Station.

Four men from North China were arrested at the railway terminus on Wednesday for exporting gold. Two Lum-sang had one gold bar and four rings, Fung Cheung-kong, one bar and five rings, Cheung Sing-ling, four tins, and Yue Hai-to, seven tins.

Arrested on Thursday night, Cheng Kwai-ling, in tins, bars, amounting to 23 tins of gold.

On the application of Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox, the gold was ordered to be confiscated when the five men came before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Arriving from Amoy on a CNAC plane, Tam Chiao, 42-year-old woman, was searched at the Kai Tak Airport on Wednesday morning.

That was what he pleaded when six tins were found on her person. When charged at the station with importing gold, she said she brought the gold from Manila to Amoy with the intention of having it made into jewellery but as her stay in Amoy was short, she had no time to do so and decided to bring it to the Central Magistracy.

A Blair-Kerr to answer the charge yesterday, her bail of \$25 was estimated. The gold was confiscated, on the application of R.I. Knox.

OPIMUM PIPES IN GUNNY SACK

While conducting an arms raid on some unnumbered hut off Wuhu Street at 6.50 a.m. yesterday, Inspector Cheung saw Kong So, 41-year-old tailor of 36 Bulkley Street, ground floor, running out of one of the huts carrying a gunny sack.

Kong was stopped. The gunny sack was searched and found to contain 10 opium pipes.

Charged later in the morning before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr with possession of the pipes, Kong was sentenced to six months' hard labour and banishment for life, after Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans had revealed that accused had a previous conviction for keeping an opium divan on July 28, 1947.

DUMPED RUBBISH

Hong Kong's "keep your city clean" campaign, in the form of HK\$800,000, or 10 days' imprisonment, being imposed on 17 men and women at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

One defendant who did not turn up to answer a similar charge had his bail of HK\$400 estimated.

The 17 persons, including three women, were charged with dumping rubbish in the streets.

Larceny Of Lorry

As business was bad, Hau Kam-lau alias Hau Lau alias Hau Tin, aged 32, of the Tung On Garments Co. of 84 Yu Chau Street, first floor, sold the lorry left in his care by his friend, Lui Man-ki, and applied the \$400 to his own use.

That was what he pleaded when charged by Detective-Inspector C. Dowman before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with larceny by subject of the lorry. He further claimed that he did not steal the truck but sold it under instructions of the complainant.

This was rebutted by Det.-Inspector Dowman who referred to Lui's complaint, sworn before the magistrate, in which he stated that he did not give accused any instructions to dispose of the vehicle.

Hau was sentenced to six months' hard labour. The court also ordered that "whatever is left of the lorry be returned to the complainant."

According to Det.-Inspector Dowman, Lui Man-ki, a shopkeeper of 68 Wooning Street, ground floor, bought lorry 6706 on August 20, 1947, and left it in the care of defendant when he went to Canton.

Both Gaps

On his return to the Colony on April 4 last year, Lui found both the defendant and the lorry gone. He reported to the police, and inquiries revealed that the lorry was sold by defendant to one Ho Yau on March 13 for \$400.

Two or three days later, Ho sold the vehicle to a Leung Yick-kwan for \$880. Leung was traced and the lorry found in the stage of being dismantled in a garage. Further breaking-up operations were stopped on the instructions of the police.

On January 8 this year, Detective-Inspector Kwok-leung and Lau Yan arrested accused at Lanchow Road near Kwelin Street. Questioned, he admitted having sold the lorry and said that he had spent the \$400 he got for it.

BAD MEAT

A brief lecture on the consequences of eating unwholesome meat was given yesterday at the Central Magistracy by Mr. Hin-shing Lo to three men.

The men were arrested by a Health Inspector at West Point. They had in their possession 10 cabbies of dog meat, described as " unfit for human consumption."

The men were warned that they would be recommended for banishment should they come again on a similar charge.

They were fined HK\$250 each or two months' hard labour.

Reminders

Today

Queen's College Speech Day, 26. Kennedy Road, Sir Robert Ho Tung presents prizes, 11 a.m.

Dr. D.P. Dobson lectures on "Government", Club Lullaby, Ice House Street, 6 p.m.

Voice Trial to fill vacancies in St. John's Cathedral Boy Choir, at the Cathedral, 4 p.m.

Sino-British Club meeting address by Colonel Sir James Sleeman, P.R.O. lecture room, 6.45 p.m.

"The English Language", by Mr. Robert Bruce, Chinese YMCA, Bridge Street, 7.30 p.m.

Oil and Water Colour paintings exhibition, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

HK Volunteer Defence Corps dinner, at Headquarters, Garden Road.

International Air Transport Association Agency Investigation Board for China, Hong Kong, Mico, meeting, Peninsula Hotel.

Coming Events

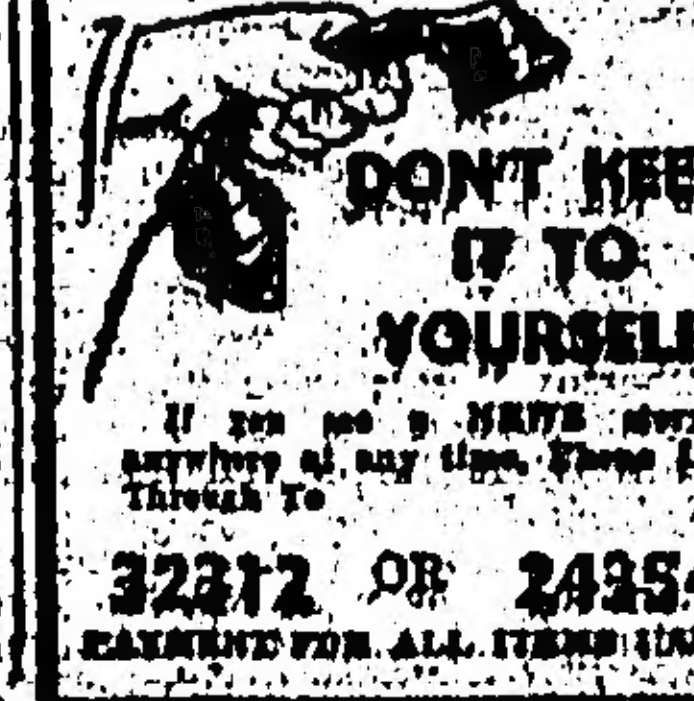
TOMORROW
HK Stage Club presents "Tian-sui Island", China Fleet Club, 3 p.m.

Demonstration by RAF Vampire jet-propelled plane, Kai Tak, 12 noon.

SUNDAY
Classical Concert, Tse H. Club, Talbot House, 50 Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

St. John's Ambulance Brigade, annual inspection, 10 a.m.; unveiling of tablet by Col. Sir James Sleeman, at Hqs., 11.30 a.m.

Literary Evening, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.



SUPREME COURT HEARS CASE INVOLVING PRE-WAR CONTRACT

Used False Trade Marks

A 40-year-old businessman, Chung Pak-hong, of 1 Bedford Street, Kowloon, was fined \$100 on a charge of applying false trade marks on his locally-manufactured product at Central yesterday.

One hundred gross of pencils were seized, of which 70 gross were found to have the words "Made in USA" on the labels.

Mr. F. Hingworth prosecuted, while Mr. A.S.C. Cumber appeared for the defendant, who pleaded guilty.

Mr. Hingworth told the Court, presided over by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, that it was the first case of its kind in Hong Kong. He requested the Court to stop "this pernicious habit," which he said was prevalent in Hong Kong.

As an aftermath of the war, the only "Made in USA" have a certain regard to the local public, and his client had caused in on this sentiment, counsel for the defence asserted. His client regretted his mistake and would eliminate the words on all his products, he said.

Mr. Hingworth requested that the prosecution for doing without the supervision of the Import-Export Department's officers. He would not press for confiscation, however.

Mr. Lo returned the goods to defendant and ordered him to mark them accordingly to keep the good name of Hong Kong in the business world.

Orders For St. John

Orders by Mr. A. J. Arnold, Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong District, Order No. 2749 dated January 11 follow:

Ambulance Duties: Hong Kong—January 16 to 22, Wanchai "A" Division; January 23 to 29, Wanchai "B" Division.

Ambulance Duties: Kowloon—January 17 to 23, Shamshing Division; January 24 to 30, Kowloon Division.

Football: Match Duties—Saturday, January 15, H.K. Football Club, 4 p.m.; S.H. Nam Division, New Ground, 2.30 and 4.15 p.m.; Wanchai "A" Division, Shamshing Street, 2.30 and 4.15 p.m.; Kowloon Division, Sunday, January 16, Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.; S.H. Nam Division.

Annual Race Meeting—Saturday, January 15, Chung Sing Division; Monday, January 17, Chung Sing Division; Tuesday, January 18, Chung Sing Division; Wednesday, January 19, Wanchai "A" Division; Saturday, January 22, Chung Sing Division.

Motor Taxis: will man the Mobile Ambulance on all calls.

Parade: Sunday, January 16, Annual Inspection, Caroline Hill. All Officers and O.R.s will parade at 9.30 a.m. by Division. Dress: Officers, khaki; O.R.s, no extras. O.R.s, full uniforms and equipment. All Sergeants and Hong Officers will report to G.H. C.W.I. Way at 9.15 a.m. sharp.

Officers' Mess Dinners: Will those Officers that have not yet replied to the circular concerning this dinner please do so as soon as possible.

The weekly sketching class of the Hong Kong Art Club will be held in the New Territories on Sunday. Members are to meet at 10.30 a.m. at the Kowloon Star Ferry.

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An action, claiming specific performance of a contract entered into shortly before the occupation of the Colony by the Japanese, was heard before Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The contract which formed the subject of the action related to the sale of Nos. 7 and 10 Lee Yuen Street, Hong Kong, and was made between Kwok Yu-chuen and Wong Chok-chiu, Merchants of 180 Wellington Street, plaintiffs, and The Shim Tet Thong Co., Ltd., of 64 Bonham Strand East, defendants.

The defendants claimed that the contract became impossible of performance by reason of the temporary subjugation of the Colony by the enemy or was otherwise annulled by operation of war.

The plaintiffs were represented by Mr. B.A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Y.H. Chan of Messrs. Teo & Hodgson, while Mr. Charles Loseby, instructed by Mr. E.S.C. Brooks of Messrs. Hastings & Company, represented the defendants.

Mr. Bernacchi said that the case was an important one and was possibly the first of a number dealing with the position arising out of contracts for the sale of land entered into shortly before the Japanese occupation of the Colony.

Agreed To Buy
Dealing with the facts of the case, Mr. Bernacchi said that by an agreement in writing entered into between the parties on November 21, 1941, the defendants agreed to sell and the plaintiffs agreed to buy the premises known as Nos. 7 and 10 Lee Yuen Street, Hong Kong, for \$52,000.00.

In pursuance of this agreement, plaintiffs paid a deposit of \$5,000 to the defendants. Defendants had not completed and refused to complete the sale and the premises had not yet been conveyed by the defendants to the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs therefore claimed: (1) Specific performance of the agreement for sale and that the defendants may be ordered to execute the proper conveyance of the premises to the plaintiffs.

(2) In the alternative, (a) a declaration that they are entitled to the return of the deposit and (2) damages for breach of contract.

(c) Costs.
(d) Such further or other relief as the Court may deem just.

After stating that according to the agreement the purchase was to have been completed on or before January 6, 1942, Mr. Bernacchi said that it would be his case that it was a positive declaration from the circumstances at the time that war and incidence of war, including possible occupation, would be in any normal person's contemplation in November 1941.

Referring to the defence which had been filed, Mr. Bernacchi said that the most important paragraph were 6, 7 and 8.

Mr. Loseby interposed to say that paragraph 4 was also important, as in this paragraph it was stated that by a letter dated June 2, 1947, defendants, through their solicitors, undertook to return the \$5,000 paid by way of deposit upon the return by the plaintiffs of the agreement. The plaintiffs refused and or failed to return this agreement as cancelled and of no effect.

Fully Paid
Resuming, Mr. Bernacchi said that in paragraph 6 of the defence, it was stated the balance of the purchase money should be fully paid on or before January 6, 1942.

The defence also claimed that it was provided in clause 5 of the agreement that if from any cause (other than as mentioned in the agreement), the sum of \$47,000, balance of the purchase money, should not be fully paid on or before the said date, the deposit of \$5,000 should be absolutely forfeited to the defendants, who might thereupon recall the premises, in any manner therein provided. It was stipulated that in that respect, time should be of the essence of the contract.

Mr. Bernacchi said that it was also alleged in the defence that in breach of the said agreement, the plaintiffs did not pay, and had not paid the said sum of \$47,000 or any part thereof on or before the said date or at all.

In the alternative, it was alleged by the defendants that on or about December 25, 1941, the said agreement became impossible of performance by reason of the temporary subjugation of the Colony of Hong Kong by the enemy, or was otherwise annulled by operation of war and the parties were thereupon discharged from the further performance of the contract.

In Friendly Territory
Further, it was alleged by the defendants that at all material times between December 25, 1941 and September 1945, the plaintiffs were resident in friendly territory not in subjugation of the enemy.

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Personalia
Mr. Frank Groves, Vice-President and General Manager for the Far East and India of the American Express Company, Inc., is due to return to Hong Kong today, accompanied by his wife. They have been away from the Colony for nine months.

Mr. Groves will have his headquarters in Hong Kong.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Mr. and Mrs. J. Moss, Dr. and Mrs. J.F. de Castro, Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Chu, Messrs. P.Y. Chong, B.D. Hamer, Olav Skarland, S.D. Askenalzer, E.R. Olson, J.P. Reid, C.M. Wharton, and Paul J.C. Hyen.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Mrs. Helen B. Kee, Mr. and Mrs. M. Glanovich, Mrs. C.E. Socks, Mrs. G.D. Cross, Messrs. S.C. Hanks, and G. Drummond.

Miss Adwon Lawson arrived in the Colony on Wednesday from Saigon by Air France.

The Reverend Mr. M.E. Collings, the Reverend Mr. T. Hawthorn, and Mrs. Hawthorn, Mrs. W. Jamon, Dr. and Mrs. H.S. Frank, and Messrs. L. William Johnson and Ole Thime arrived in the Colony on Thursday from Canton.

Mr. J.J. Paskin, Assistant Secretary, Colonial Office, and Mrs. Paskin arrived in the Colony by air yesterday from the United Kingdom. They are staying at Government House. They will remain in Hong Kong until the Governor leaves for Singapore.

Lord Douglas of Kirtleside, Marshal of the Royal Air Force and Director of the British Overseas Aviation Corporation will leave today for Singapore.

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Four Pirates Killed Aboard mv. Kwei Shan

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Thinking the bullets were duds, Kwok Wo changed them, but the gun jammed. The pirates herded the occupants into a corner and were about to take the money, estimated to amount to about 7,000 gold yuan, when Chan Sing rushed out to shoot at several detectives who were creeping up to the office. But the pirate was shot dead on the office's doormat. Kwok Wo clubbed a detective before he was shot dead instantaneously on the same spot.

Another man was shot in a corridor outside No. 2 Cabin, shortly afterwards.

Held Up Engine Room
Meanwhile, a pirate held up the engineers in the engine room and ordered them to stop the vessel. A detective hiding in No. 7 Cabin, near the engine room, crept up and shot him down. He was the third fatality.

One of the dead man's colleagues rushed to No. 7 where they met several men. The leader, armed with two Lagers, withdrew on seeing several guns and jumped overboard. His companions followed suit. The detectives shot at them, but the pirates escaped by swimming underwater.

A detective on the fore deck was attacked by two robbers, but he out-manoeuvred them and shot one of them in the abdomen. The wounded man cried: "Why did you shoot your own folk?" apparently thinking his comrade had fired.

The detective struggled free and took a shot at the running buccannier who crawled on the canvas awning, protecting the upper fore deck, and fired twice at the master, who was at the bridge, turning the Kwei Shan round to head for Canton after hearing the shooting.

He missed, and was himself shot at by the detective in the leg and jumped overboard to escape.

Seeing their comrades fleeing, several passengers attempted to follow suit, but were seized. The seven arrested were unarmed.

Called For Help
While the attempt to seize control of the vessel was under way on the upper deck, some robbers threatened the passengers in the holds. Above the gun fire cries of "Save a life" could be heard on the upper deck. Their comrades' failure, however, subdued the rest, some of whom managed to scramble up and dive overboard.

The commotion ended half an hour after it started.

The Kwei Shan, which turned round at Macleverty Point, reached Canton at 11.35 p.m. anchoring in Macao Fort, where police and medical personnel boarded her. The captured men were escorted ashore.

Normally arriving here at 6 p.m., the river vessel reached the Colony at 9.30 a.m. yesterday. She left at 10 p.m. last night to resume her service.

The master remarked that the pirate who was seriously wounded in the abdomen would not survive.

It was reliably learned yesterday that some suspected persons had been travelling in the vessel for some time, apparently to study the situation.

High Ranking Official
The passengers carried by the Kwei Shan are usually travelling traders. One passenger on this occasion was the son of a high ranking Chinese Government official. There were some well-to-do also. The ship had no cargo, but brought mainly the luggage and goods of the traders.

Formerly an American Navy LC 1, the Kwei Shan was built in Manila. She has an all-Chinese crew of 34, excluding six armed guards and two detectives, and can normally carry about 200 passengers.

Some time in 1947, her sister ship, the Kwei Hai, was mined in the same place, when about 40 passengers and crew were killed. She is now on the Hong Kong-Kongmoon run.



For their services to the Allied cause during the war, Major Lal Yuen-lung and Professor Lo Hung-chao, of Canton, were presented with the O.B.E. and King's Medal, respectively, by Mr. G. F. Tyrrell, H.B.M. Consul-General at Canton. Left to right: Major Lal, Mr. Tyrrell and Professor Lo.—Photo by Li King-hai, Canton.

P.O. Box Fee Deadline

Tomorrow is the last day for payment of Post Office Box fees.

An official warning yesterday said that there is a heavy list of applicants for boxes. If present holders do not pay their renewal fees by tomorrow, the boxes will be allocated to applicants on the waiting list.

GOVT STOPS LOTTERY

Government intervened and stopped the annual lottery organised by the St. Vincent de Paul Society to raise funds for the poor.

It has, however, apparently allowed the equally worthy St. John Ambulance Brigade to organise a raffle without interference.

A few weeks ago the "China Mail" reproduced one of the tickets, costing HK\$1 each, for which gifts were offered to the lucky holders by the Brigade.

The draw was apparently made at the Annual Ball of the Brigade on Wednesday night. The list of lucky numbers sent by the Brigade yesterday for publication follows:

19975, 6273, 1895, 3792, 7253, 421, 7241, 8998, 5996, 6747, 5186, 9010, 3100, 261, 10163, 811, 824, 9234, 2244, 3807, 6930, 10143, 5572, 1112, 6252, 10559, 595, 0689, 2702, 11111, 1554, 6522, 1534, 10061, 1354, 9587, 11707, 170, 608, 842, 5061, 1897, 10010, 8970, 2454, 1214, 1509, 0502, 4209, 7199, 6977, 3311, 579, 4900, 5909, 1753, 9601, 838, 9328, 915, 5178, 9589, 0635, 1255, 3696, 2340.

The holders are requested to call at the Brigade Headquarters for their gifts.

LADIES' DAY AT ROTARY CLUB

The Kowloon Rotary Club welcomed a large number of guests at the Ladies' Day Luncheon meeting at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday.

Mr. M. D. Silas played brilliant piano selections from East and West.

Among the visiting Rotarians were Sir Shouson Chow, (Hong Kong) and Dr. C.T. Wong, well known Chinese diplomat, (Shanghai). The others were Messrs. H. A. Lammert, Paul H. Pearson, H.A. Ayres, Fung Ping-tan and Horace Kadoorie (Shanghai).

Guests present were Messrs. A. Raymond, A. Atkins, B.W. Simons, Starbuck, T. Teng, H. Rose, G.C. Stedman, R.D. Barrett, Norews, E. Joffe, H.W. Cluse, S. Ellissen, J.S. Howell, L.J. Howell, M.J. Mortelmans, A. Hutton, F. Meyer, L.N. Brooks, Wilcox, J.T. Barnes, C. Croft, F. Clemens, W.S. Yardley, Major J.H. Keys, Squadron Leader A.F. Peterson, Squadron Leader C.Y. Haines, Flight Lieutenant W. Bastin, Doctor Y.H. Kwan, and the ladies.

Before the meeting adjourned, Rotarian James Modio presented a bouquet to Miss Clemo on behalf of the club, in honour to her first attendance at the Kowloon Rotary Club meeting, on her seventeenth birthday.

CAN YOU RUN A TOWN?

"What do you know about running a town?" members of the International Y's Men's Club were asked at their weekly luncheon at Hong Kong Hotel yesterday.

The speaker was Lieutenant Colonel E. D. Brasier-Creagh. He addressed the members on representation on the Municipal Council.

"One of you may be well versed in the medical field; another may be qualified to know deeply in road making. But do you know actually the real planning of a city?" the speaker asked. He said local citizens had no opportunity or experience to do so.

Hong Kong's municipality has no power politically. It cannot control immigration, and no municipality can effectively work unless it controls its citizens.

Bringing up the scopes and aspects of having a representative government, Lt. Col. Brasier-Creagh remarked that representation depends on organisation. There are still some 12 months for local citizens to study town planning before the proposed municipal election.

Citizens must know what type of man or woman they want elected, and they must realise that these elected officials must keep and bear their responsibilities and must have a policy to run the city.

He mentioned that in the Colony, instead of the Councillors telling the experts employed on a job what to do, it happened invariably that the latter would tell the councillors what to do.

Chinese Ship Hits Mine
The Chinese vessel Wei Ming detonated a magnetic mine near the Western approaches to Kyushu—four hours after she left Sasebo for Hong Kong with a cargo of cement and coal.

Fixtures in the engine room were reported damaged, including some steam-pipes. The hull was slightly damaged. The fore peak of the vessel was leaking slightly.

The 7,000-ton vessel had to be towed by American Navy craft to Sasebo, where divers surveyed her damage.

The Wei Ming is due to leave the Japanese port on Monday, to resume her journey.

Damaged Vessel

An ocean-going tug towed in the damaged cargo ship Antelope from Shanghai yesterday after being severely battered by storms en route.

The Liberty ship, flying the Chinese flag, will either be repaired or scrapped, it was reported yesterday.

This is the tenth disused vessel towed into local waters from Manila and Shanghai for the past few months. Most of these were bought by a local Chinese firm from the American war-surplus, and some have been dumped into the Lanchow scrapheap for local manufacturers.

The 4,300-ton vessel is in Tolo Harbour. She has no engines or crew.

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LICENCING OF DOGS

Ordinance 21/1927 requires that dogs be licensed. Licences are available from January 1, 1949 and all licences should be renewed at the Police Station nearest to the address at which the animal is kept.

2. Stations at which licences may be renewed are Central, Western, Aberdeen, Stanley, Shaukiwan, Bay View, Eastern, Upper Levels, Marine Station, Tsimshatsui, Yau-matli, Kowloon City, Hung Hom, Mong Kok, Shamshui Po, Tsun Wan, Castle Peak, Ping Shan, Kam Tin, Lokma Chau, Sheung Shui, Tinkling, Sha Tau Kok, Tai Po, Shui Tin, Sai Kung, Tai O and Cheung Chau.

3. Failure to observe the provisions of the Ordinance may result in prosecution.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

January 12, 1949.

THE TREASURY

HONG KONG DOLLAR LOAN, 1934.

(1934 AND 1940 LOAN ISSUES)

INTEREST COUPONS

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H. R. HIRST, Accountant General.

January 4, 1949.

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3 1/2 % REHABILITATION DOLLAR LOAN 1973/78.

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January 4, 1949.

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The undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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on Monday, 24th January, 1949

(unless previously sold)

At 3.00 o'clock in the Afternoon

AT THE FACTORY BUILDING
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At 582, Nathan Road, Mongkok, Kowloon.

Parts of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1203

Situated at Nathan Road, Mongkok, Kowloon.

PARTICULARS.

LOT NO. 1

Situate on the corner of Nathan Road and Soy Street. Area 66,625 square feet—Frontage, West side on Nathan Road, 74 Feet 11 Inches, North side on Soy Street 130 Feet, East side on proposed extension of Sai Yung Choi Street 74 Feet 11 Inches. South side on other portion of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1203 130 Feet. This Lot is Vacant Land with the exception of 5 temporary shops fronting on Nathan Road now let on monthly tenancies.

This Lot with the next mentioned Lot represents one of the most valuable sites in the Mongkok area of Nathan Road still available for development, and is ideally situated for the erection of a modern Cinema Theatre, Hotel, Department Store or the like.

LOT NO. 2

Situate on the corner of Nathan Road and Dundas Street. Area: 51,640 square feet. Frontage: West side on Nathan Road 161 Feet 4 Inches, North side on Dundas Street 320 Feet, North side on other portions of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1203 330 Feet, East side on other portions of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1203 161 Feet 4 Inches.

On This Lot Are Erected:

(1) Ten temporary shops fronting on Nathan Road now let on monthly tenancies.
(2) The valuable factory building of the Orient Tobacco Manufacturing Co. Ingenohl Ltd. is now damaged. Part of the Lot at the rear of the factory building of an area of approximately 6150 square feet is now let on a monthly tenancy as open storage. The tenant has undertaken in writing to vacate on the 28th February, 1949.

This Lot with its large frontages on Nathan Road and Dundas Street is one of the largest and most valuable sites in the Mongkok area of Nathan Road now available for development. The factory building could be comparatively little expense easily be converted for use as a Hotel, School, Office Block, Department Store or the like.

LOT NO. 3

Situate on the corner of Soy Street and the proposed extension of Sai Yung Choi Street. Area: 1105 square feet. Vacant possession will be given on completion.

LOTS NOS. 4 TO 9 INCLUSIVE.

Situate on Soy Street. Area: 1040 square feet for each Lot. Vacant possession will be given on completion of Lots 4 to 9. Lots 8 and 9 are let as open storage on a monthly tenancy. Notice to quit has been given to the tenant.

LOT NO. 10

Situate on the corner of Soy Street and other portions of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1203. Area: 1105 square feet. This Lot is also let as open storage on a monthly tenancy. Notice to quit has been given to the tenant.

LOT NO. 11

Situate on the proposed extension of Sai Yung Choi Street. Area: 14,435 square feet. Vacant possession will be given on completion.

LOTS NOS. 12 TO 19 INCLUSIVE.

Situate on proposed extension of Sai Yung Choi Street. Area: 1040 square feet for each Lot. Vacant possession will be given on completion.

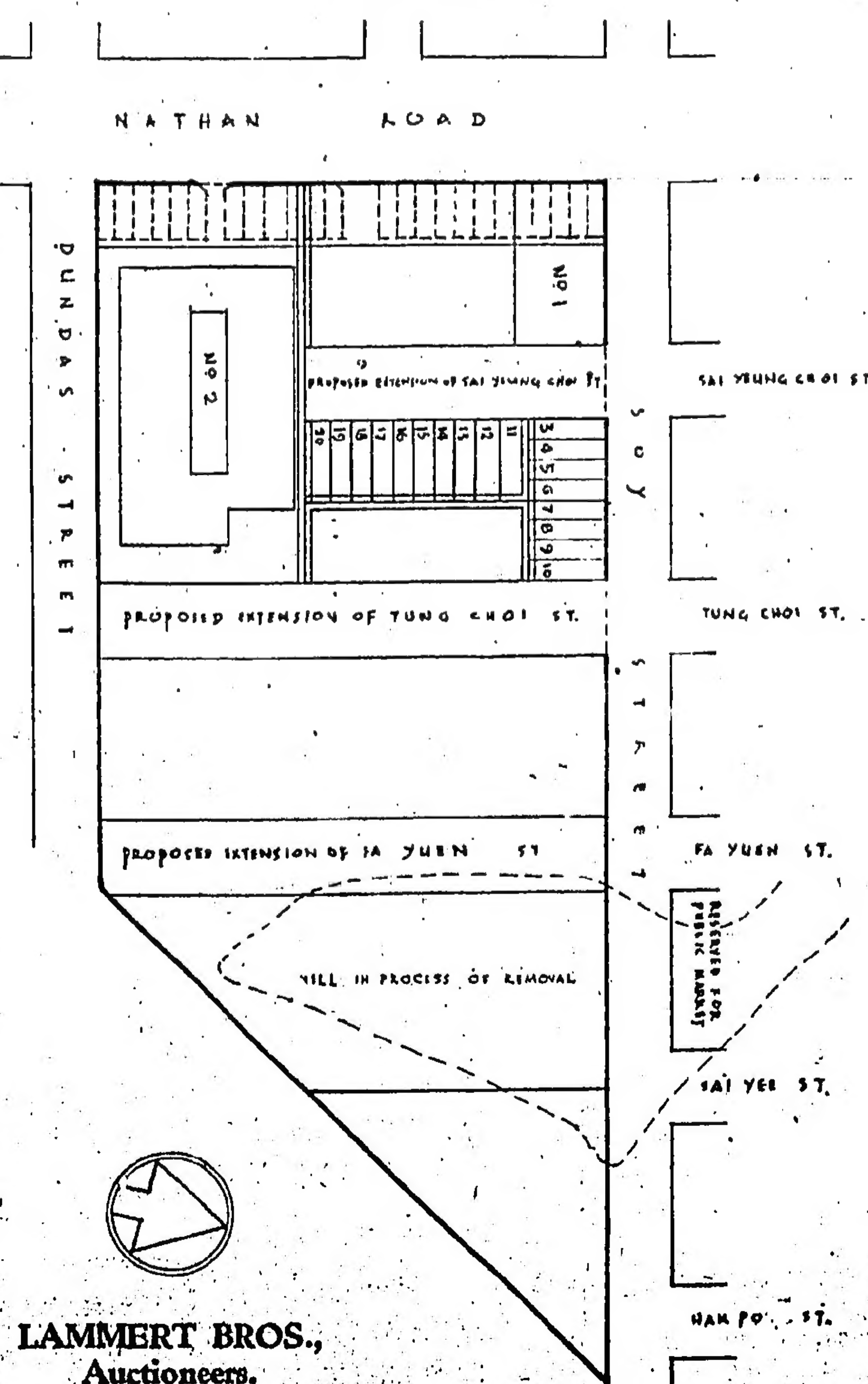
LOT NO. 20

Situate on proposed extension of Sai Yung Choi Street. Area: 145,835 square feet. Vacant possession will be given on completion.

All the Lots are held under a Crown Lease for Seventy-five years (renewable for a further term of Seventy-five years) from the 28th day of January, 1907. No building covenant is attached to the Lots sold.

The Purchase of each Lot will be required to pay a proportion of the Crown Rent calculated at the rate of approximately \$8.00 per 1,000 square feet of the area purchased. Copies of the Conditions of Sale can be obtained and the plan showing the situation and areas of the lots to be sold can be seen at the office of the Vendors, 10B Des Voeux Road, Central, Mezzanine Floor, Gloucester Building, or at the office of Messrs. Deacons, Solicitors for the Vendors, 1 Des Voeux Road, Central (First Floor) or at the office of the undersigned during business hours or at the Factory Building of the Orient Tobacco Manufacturing Co. Ingenohl Ltd., 582 Nathan Road, Mongkok Kowloon.

SITE PLAN



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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Here Washington threw a dollar across the Rappahannock—at present inflation rates it is estimated that dollar would go only nine-sixteenths of the way across!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

PEOPLE ARE DIFFERENT. IF NO OTHER purpose were back of the invention, the development of bridge as a means of disposing differences between people would be sufficient cause for its coming into existence. There are of course many reasons in which the game unites contrasts in human type. One of the most interesting is the tendency of some players to take definite, positive action on practically every available occasion, whereas others enjoy restraining themselves as long as possible and then surprising everybody with a sudden, startling move. Sometimes one method produces the better results, sometimes the other, depending on various factors.

S Q 3
H Q J 8 2
D 7 4 2
C A K 7 4

S 9
H A K 9 7 4
D K J 10
C J 6

N
W E
S

S A 10 5
H 10 6 5 3
D 3
C Q 6 3

S K J 7 6 4 2
H None
C A Q 9 8
C 10 8

(Dealer: West. Both sides vulnerable.)

	West	North	East	South
1. H	Pass	2 H	Pass	
3. H	Pass	4 H	4 H	
Pass	Pass	5 H	Pass	
Pass	Dbf	Pass	1 H	
2. H	Dbf	3 H	3 H	
4 H	4 S	Dbf	Rdbl	

Where both North and South passed until their opponents had arrived at a game bid in hearts, and then South came in with his 4-Spades, this made it sound to East as if South was terrifically anxious to be permitted to play the hand at his own contract, whether doubled or not. That made East decide, after West made what sounded very like a losing pass, that his opponents were extremely weak in honour cards, and hence his own side probably could make eleven tricks as well as ten, with South maybe able to make the 4-Spades on extreme distribution. That's why he bid 5-Hearts.

At Table 2, the steady work of North and South gave East the idea the opponents were being squeezed too high by his side and were trying to make East and West overbid.

It happened that North and South got neat scores at both tables, setting the 5-Hearts three for 400 points at Table 1, and making the redoubled 4-Spades at Table 2, which brought 480 in tricks, 500 duplicate game bonus and 50 for making the redoubled contract, a total of 1030. But that doesn't prove which general attitude is better. The line player has a change of pace, and uses both.

Tomorrow's Problem

S Q 2
H A K J 8 7 2
D 9
C K Q 6 3

N
W E
S

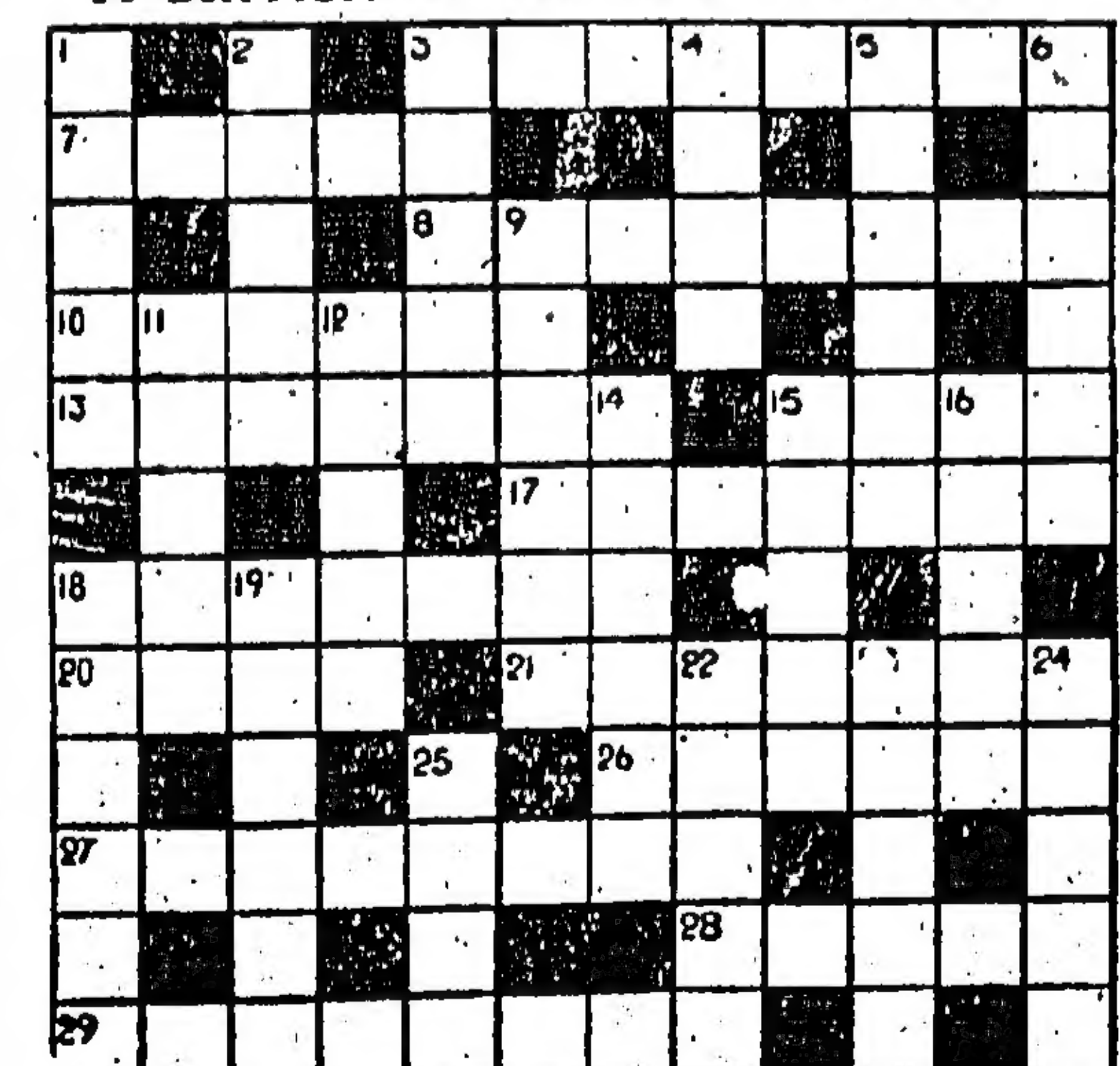
S 9 6 3
H 10 9 8 5
D K Q 10
C 10 8 5

S A K J 10 7 6
H None
D 8 5 4 3
C A J 9

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)

What is the soundest play of this tournament deal at 6-Spades after the club 2 is led?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

3 Sank in level.
7 Imbibe.
8 Wages.
10 Summary.
13 Occupiers.
15 Asterisk.
17 Sincere.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 1. Plinko, 5. Dense, 9. Cover, 10. Tinsel, 11. Forge, 12. Hard, 13. Cause, 16. Re-miles, 18. Violet, 20. Spent, 22. Silo, 23. Fatal, 25. Comet, 26. Natu-ri, 27. Reigns, 28. Amias, 29. Edited.

Down

1 Skilled.
2 Enchantress.
3 Hank.
4 Of sound mind.
5 Give.
6 Abandon.
9 Behind.
11 Souvenir.
12 Throws.
14 Irony.
15 Rebuffs.
16 Quiver-ling.
18 Spruce.
19 Steps.
22 Hendress.
23 Dog-lead.
24 Scatter.
25 Blessing.

DOWN: 1. Pitchers, 2. Con-tribute, 3. Tees, 4. Colonel, 5. De-fect, 6. Erodes, 7. Signs, 14. Aspirant, 15. Exported, 16. Routes, 17. Melange, 18. Infer, 21. Proem, 24. Land.

Scott Rides Again



Two-Gun Western

It is useless to argue with someone about the type of picture he prefers. Therefore, merely let it be said that for those of you who like Westerns, preferably of the two-gun variety, no hold-barred variety, "Corner Creek" is showing at the Kings this week.

From Luke Short's brass-knuckled American magazine story of cowboy vengeance and love on the prairie, Columbia Pictures has come up with a colorful film that tells the story of a runaway horse. A renegade white man, leader of the riders, takes a captive Scott, a finance who subsequently commits suicide. Scott, in typical Hollywood phrasing, becomes gun-crazy with hate for the betrayer of his beloved and vows with a cold, white fury that she will be avenged. Obtaining a description of the renegade, he trails him to the town of Corner Creek, Arizona, and proceeds to undermine his powerful and influential position in the community of ranchers.

Scott joins forces with Sally Eilers, a saloon-keeper's ranchman, who at the time is contesting the right to some land with the landman George Macready. Before he establishes her ownership, he encounters "and best" Forrest Tucker, Macready's brutal henchman, in a bruising fist fight. Tucker, in another of his death-punch performances as the rugged man of action, Scott shares, kills him this time with Marguerite Chapman, a straight-shooting hotel keeper whom he learns to love.

Sally Eilers, who may be remembered by some as a serious favorite of the early '30's, might have been luckier in her choice of role for a picture intended to be her come-back.

The rest of the cast, including Edward Brothman and Wallace Ford, perform their duties as they have in the past.

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Best Known Horse Alive

The system that makes Hollywood stars started 40 years ago with a horse, and that horse had an audience which no star, so far, has come up to.

The horse was Dan Patch, and in 1906 he became the best-known critter alive. A lot of movie stars would crawl down Vine Street for half that horse's publicity.

Every kitchen in the country had a calendar with his picture on it. Children knew who he was before they could read about him. He used to tour the country in a private railroad car, with a train of trainers.

There always was a special parade when he arrived in town, and the crowds that followed him around haven't been equalled since.

Before Royalty

"Dan Patch," says Frank, "was such a great star he gave two command performances before British royalty. Can Gable say that?"

If it had been for Patch's owner, a Minneapolis stock feed manufacturer named W. M. Sawyer, the system of making stars might not have been thought of.

"A flock of advance men used to come the countryside when Dan Patch was coming to town," Sawyer said. "People came from miles around. Schools closed. Business men locked their doors. Everybody came to see Dan Patch run again."

Just like a movie star, Dan Patch endorsed cigars and everything else, including baby buggies. Fan mail started with Dan Patch. He also sent out autographed photos, stamped with a hoofprint. Several million copies were printed of "The Autobiography of Dan Patch." A railroad in the North West was named after him—the Dan Patch Line—and Dan Patch Line—and it's still running.

"You talk about people coming to Hollywood to see the stars," Frank snorted. "Outside of Minneapolis after he stopped touring, they built a grandstand to hold the crowds that came out to see him march on a carrol."

MAJESTIC

SHOWING TODAY
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GOOD TIME GIRL
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Directed by David MacDonald
Produced by Warner Bros.
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"XIVth OLYMPIAD
THE GLORY OF SPORT"
Color By Technicolor

AFTER SEVEN YEARS, A WELCOME REUNION

Judy Garland and Gene Kelly are at the Queen's this week in a swashbuckler called "The Pirate," and it's strictly a family affair. Garland's off-the-screen husband, Vincente Minnelli is her director for the third time. (Other two: "The Clock" and "Meet Me in St. Louis." And Gene Kelly once more wins his girl Judy for the first time since 1941 and "For Me and My Gal.")

Two things can be said about this film. First, husband Minnelli is a master at keeping wife Garland at her very top form. Second, seven years is much too long to wait for the antics and hilarities of what Hollywood must soon recognize is an unbeatable combination.

It is fortunate that Kelly and Garland are not ones to let a story get in their way. For "The Pirate" is an adaptation of a bit of mistaken identity hocus-pocus that was presented on Broadway several years ago, and not too successfully at that, by Lynn Fontanne and Alfred Lunt. But if Fontanne had been able to sing

occasionally, none of them being particularly noteworthy. But Garland and Kelly are just the pair to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

The women will find much to please them as Judy sings throughout in a variety of humorous Spanish costumes.

Kelly is still personality-plus, and the spontaneity and novelty of his spectacular dance routines leave nothing to be desired. It is still a toss-up between him and Fred Astaire as to who is the best dancer on the American screen.

The supporting cast is headed by the veteran character actor Walter Slezak, in the role of a



Don't let the makeup fool you. It's really Judy Garland and Gene Kelly back together again after seven years.

like Garland, and if Lunt had had the ability to dance like Kelly, it's a safe bet that the Broadway would have run a lot longer than it did.

"This entertaining bit of fluff tells the story of a lovely girl who dreams of being swept off her feet by a bold pirate and who finds her hero in the person of a debonair strolling player. The locale is the languorous and exotic Caribbean."

Fortunately there is much good dancing and singing to bolster the imaginative tale of Manuella, daughter of the legendary pirate Macoco, but on the verge of marrying the rich but old and miserly Don Pedro. Overnight her life changes as she meets the debonair mountebank Serafin, who conjures her into believing he is the bold pirate of her dreams and ultimately risks his life in order to prove his love.

Prolific Cole Porter has provided six new tunes for the

pompous official hiding his black past under a cloak of feigned respectability. Other featured parts are played by Gladys Cooper, Reginald Owen and "the dancing" Nicholas Brothers.

No doubt about it, "The Pirate" is just the sort of thing to make you forget your troubles.

Crime Pays
Boris Karloff is one man who has learned that Crime Does Pay. A few months ago he decided to leave the world of Frankenstein and the Wolf Man and to look around for something more sweet and kind to portray. But he's back in the villainous business again, having signed for the heavy role in "The Shop at Sly Corner."

It's a sad commentary, but apparently Karloff finds there's more money in being cruel than in being kind.



Time off from music and dancing.

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KAYE ON COMEDY

Danny Kaye says his secret of being funny is constantly keeping his eyes on the people around him.

He figures out what's funny about them and then imitates them for a couple of thousand dollars a week.

"I'm not a gag comic," Kaye says. "What I need are situations and character. Then I beat my brains out trying to fit them together in a movie."

Kaye sometimes rehearses a routine all morning on Warner Bros. "Happy Times." He does it over and over and he still doesn't think it's funny enough.

Then suddenly, just as the camera rolls, he discovers the key to a human weakness and burlesques it all over the sound stage. He gets some of his best routines that way.

Eating Makes Fun

"I've been entertaining my friends for years," Kaye said, "with a satire on the busy eater. You know, the guy who concentrates like a hog on four different dishes at the same time and stuffs his face with food, never listening to the conversation."

"You've seen thousands of them in restaurants. So have I."

"Well, no one thought that four minutes of straight eating would be funny in a picture. But I talked them into letting the camera roll until I finished a whole meal—and it's in the picture."

Kaye's wife, Sylvia Fine, wrote a national anthem for a non-existent country and Kaye went crazy trying to find the best way to sing it. Then he puzzled out the answer, based on the way people really act.

"You know how everybody stumbles through the 'Star Spangled Banner' pretending to know the words?" he said triumphantly. "That's what I'm doing."

Open Air Studio

For three months recently, Ealing Studios, London, used an acre-and-a-half blitzed site in Lambeth, in the heart of London, as an open air film studio where scenes were enacted for "Passport to Pimlico."

Shops stocked with all kinds of pre-war goods sprang to mushroom growth on this desolate site. There were a tavern, a bank and many realistic-looking "brick" buildings.

So animated was the scene, with its 300 or so "shoppers," its policemen and its goods, that many passers-by were taken in. It was only on closer inspection that the "bricks" were found to be lathe and plaster, and that the shops, though complete back and front, had no interiors.

One builder complained at the waste of "bricks" for a mere film set when there was such a shortage for housing. He could hardly believe his eyes, when he was shown that they were nothing more than plaster and paint. A woman was equally indignant when she was turned away from the "market" where many "housewives" were getting their baskets filled. She did not realize that the "food" consisted of papier-mache and plaster.

These filmy "buildings" stood up well to the inclement English weather. Staffs of maintenance men were on hand to patch and repaint them, but when the sets were taken back to Ealing they were still in such good condition that they needed little treatment. They have been erected in separate parts on the various sound stages for close-up sequences.

Appearing in "Passport to Pimlico" are such well-known British character actors as Stanley Holloway, Hermione Baddeley, Margaret Rutherford, Raymond Huntley, Basil Radford and Hamilton Wayne.

An important part is played by that charming French-Canadian actor, Paul Dupuis, first seen in Britain with Francoise Rosay in "Johnny Frenchman." He has had a number of parts since then, and has just been chosen to be Marguerite Lockwood's leading man in her current "Two Cities" film, "Madness of the Heart." Dupuis visited Britain during the war as a radio news commentator and war correspondent. He describes himself as a "Sunday painter." That is to say, he spends most weekends in the cottage he has rented in the English county of Buckinghamshire, working on a large-scale oil painting entitled "Carnival."

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While this build-up was proceeding during the autumn months there was, as originally planned, much to be done operationally. In the North, besides capturing the approaches to Antwerp, it was desirable to make progress toward closing the Rhine, because it was from this region that our heaviest attacks would be launched in the crossing of that river. Farther South, on Bradley's front, it was advantageous to conduct preliminary operations looking toward the final destruction of all German forces remaining West of the Rhine. Thus we would not only deplete the forces available for the later defence of the river but we would also secure the areas in the Saar region from which we planned to launch strong attacks in conjunction with those in the North, when we were ready to envelop the Ruhr.

In the autumn fighting we again encountered our old enemy, the weather. The June storm on the beaches had established a forty-year record for severity. Again in the autumn the floods broke another meteorological record extending back over decades. By November 1 many of the rivers were out of their banks and weather conditions along the whole front slowed up our attacks. In spite of these conditions we proceeded with the general plan of building up great bases and communications in the border of Germany, closing the Rhine with initial emphasis on the left, preparing for the destruction of the

German forces West of the river, throughout its length, and getting ready to launch the final assault toward the heart of Germany. Capture of the approaches to Antwerp was a difficult operation. The Scheldt Estuary was heavily mined, and the German forces on Walcheren Island and South Beveland Island completely dominated the water routes leading to the city. It was unfortunate that we had not been successful in seizing the area during our great South Eastward reach in the early days of September.

Reduction of these strongholds required a joint naval, air, and ground operation. Montgomery gave General Crerar of the Canadian First Army responsibility for developing and executing the plans. Preparatory work was started shortly after the city fell into our hands on September 4.

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ROSE-ANDERSEN — At Queen Mary Hospital, on January 13, 1949, to Wife of R. Rose-Andersen, the gift of a son.

FIRE HAZARD

The more sanguine of Hong Kong's citizens hope that the Government may take prompt action on the report it commissioned on the Wing On godown fire tragedy, in which 173 men, women and children perished, and a physical loss of HK\$20,000,000 was incurred.

More than one overseas insurance and fire control expert has glimpsed the congested warehouse-cum-habitation areas of our twin cities and gone away horrified. Fire after horrifying fire has devastated crowded, ramshackle structures, but on the surface all that has happened is that insurance brokers have, presumably, looked a trifle harder at the risks they are asked to underwrite. If this happened in China proper, or in Siam, or Burma or India, the Westerner would nowadays have little grounds for complaint against an attitude distilled from centuries of Asiatic indifference to safety and even life, provided a reasonable livelihood could be wrung from a hard and antagonistic world.

Hong Kong, however, is British ruled and controlled, and it is up to our Government, more or less elected by itself, with approval from Whitehall, to see that Occidental standards of civic welfare are upheld in so far as this is humanly possible. Having arrogated to themselves despotic powers, our rulers cannot in this day and age escape the inherent responsibilities—and one wonders how easy are the consciences that so suavely guide our destinies.

The Commission's comment that a minor degree of responsibility rests with the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade for failure to ensure adequate publicity for storage regulations, is manifestly unfair. It is by law—the duty of godown managers to be fully acquainted with existing regulations, especially concerning dangerous goods, and in point of fact they do know them. Incidentally, it was a matter of common observation that the Chief Officer did all in his power to save property and lives once the holocaust had torn loose. Apart from courageous, self-forgetting rescue work, firemen prevented the flames from engulfing the adjoining Royal Inter-Ocean Line's headquarters on one side, and a string of old brick godowns on the other. Further, the Chief was unaware of the contents of Godown No. 2, and may well have expected an explosion there at any moment.

The Commission's suggestion that the Fire Brigade and Marine Department, as well as where applicable the Department of Imports and Exports should interchange information about the arrival or movement of dangerous goods, is obviously an excellent one, as is also the recommendation that importers should have dangerous goods labelled as such at their source, in accordance with local regulations.

All this, however, is skirting round the crux of the problem. The fact is that no families should be allowed to live above godowns containing materials which might erupt into fire and death. Where would the evicted people go?—This is

With the advent of bad weather, road maintenance presents additional problems to the Services of Supply because of the shallow foundations of many of the European roads, particularly in Belgium. In numerous instances our heavily laden trucks broke completely through the surfaces of main highways and it seemed almost impossible to fill the resulting quarries with sufficient stone and gravel to restore them to a semblance of usefulness.

To reduce dependence on roads we brought in quantities of rail-tied rolling stock to replace the destroyed railway in the war. To do this expeditiously, railway engineers developed a simple scheme that was adopted with splendid results. Heavy equipment like railway cars can normally be brought into a theatre only at prepared depots. Unloading is laborious because of the need for using only the heaviest kind of cranes and hoists. Our engineers, however, merely laid railway tracks in the bottom of LSTs. They then laid railway lines down to the water's edge at the beaches of embarkation and debarkation and, by arranging flexible connections between ground tracks and those in the LSTs, simply rolled the cars in and out of the ships. But while wading and winching, during the autumn months, the battle of supply, there was no cessation of fighting along the front.

Our ground forces, while not yet at peak strength, continued constantly to increase. On August 1 our divisional strength on the Continent was thirty-five, with four American and two British divisions in the United Kingdom. By October 1 our aggregate strength on the Continent included the Sixth Army Group which had advanced through the South of France with fifty-four divisions with six still staging through the United Kingdom. All our divisions were short in infantry replacements, and in total numerical strength of ground forces the Germans still had a marked advantage. We were disposed along a line which, beginning in the North on the banks of the Rhine, stretched five hundred miles Southward to the border of Switzerland. To the South of that country detachments were posted on the French-Italian border to guard against raids on our lines of communication by the Germans in Italy.

This meant that, counting all types of divisions—infantry, armoured, and airborne—we could, on the average, deploy less than one division to each ten miles of front.

In view of all these conditions there was much to be said for an early assumption of the defensive in order to conserve our strength for building up the logistic system and to avoid the suffering of a winter campaign. I declined to adopt such a course, and all principal commanders agreed with me that it was to our advantage to push the fighting.

One important consideration that indicated the advantage of keeping up our troop and logistical capacity was the knowledge that in order to replace his great losses of July, August, and September the enemy was hastily organising and equipping new divisions. In many instances these were compelled to bring those troops into the lines with but scanty training. Initially they had a low order of efficiency, and attacks against them were for us costly but they would become later as these new enemy formations succeeded in perfecting their training and their defensive installations.

Intelligence agencies were required to make exhaustive daily analyses of enemy losses on all parts of the front. The purpose was to avoid attacks in those areas where the balance sheet in losses showed any tendency to

obviously a rush job for the Government, even before the provision of quarters for civil servants. Also, the necessity strikes one in the face for all dangerous goods godowns to have in charge a qualified supervisor who knows chemicals. Little was said, but many people thought about the goods dumped at sea towards the end of last year by a company which was justifiably afraid to store them.

Another, and ostensibly excellent idea, is still presumably being considered by the authorities—that cement ships, anchored in the roads, be chartered to house dangerous goods. Why not?

If this scheme is not adopted, why should inflammable chemicals, celluloids, etc., be allowed to simmer in tropical heat in residential areas of the Colony at all? Their volume and weight are not large, and they could easily be stored in some safe and empty area in the New Territories or away from housing in the Island.

in favour of the enemy. During this period we took as a general guide the principle that operations, except in those areas where we had some specific and vital objective, such as in the case of the Saar dams, were profitable to us only where the daily calculations showed that enemy losses were double our own.

We were certain that by continuing an unrelenting offensive we would, in spite of hardship and privation, gain additional advantages over the enemy. Specifically we were convinced that this policy would result in shortening the war and therefore in the saving of thousands of Allied lives.

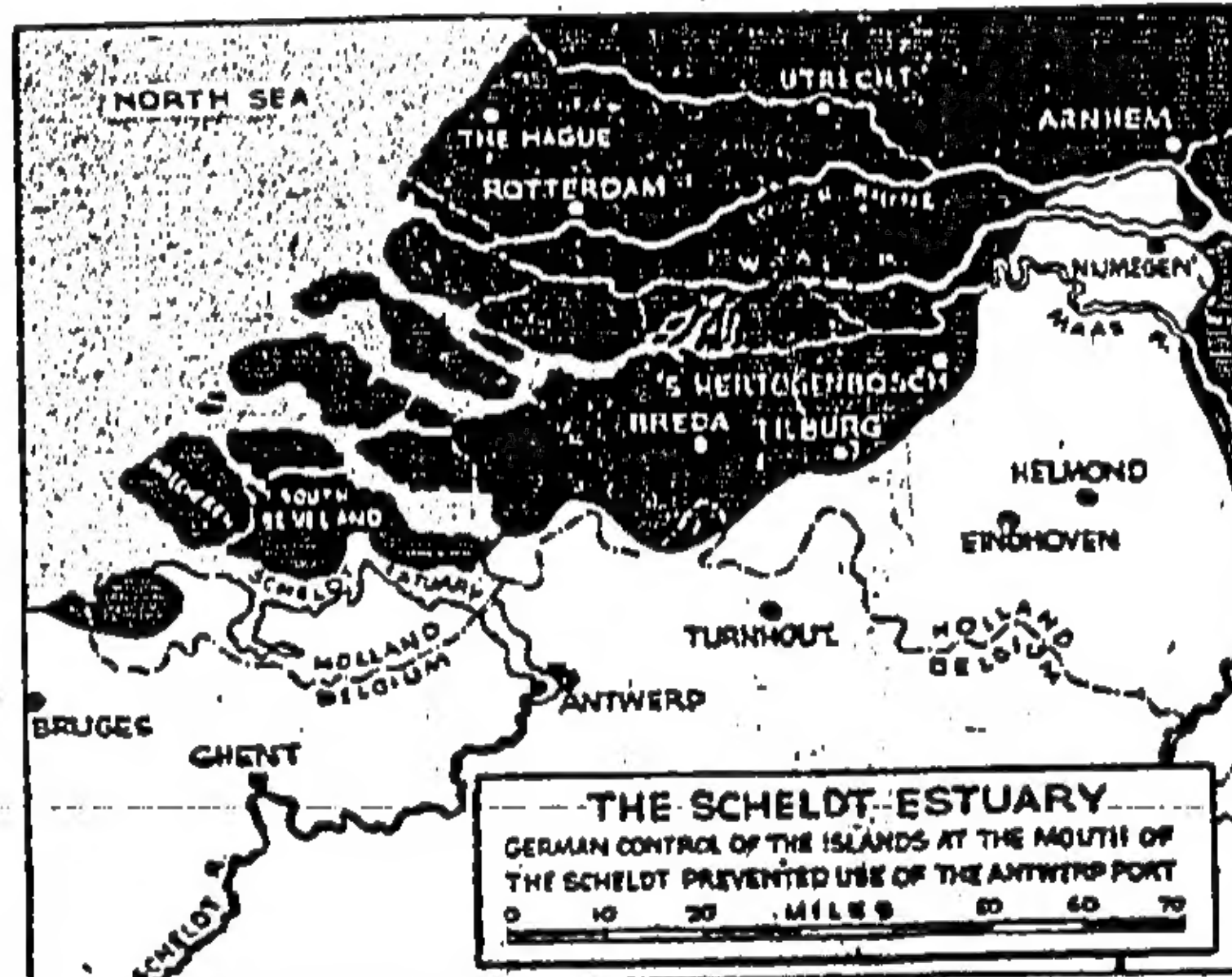
Consequently the autumn period was to become a memorable one because of a series of bitterly contested battles, usually conducted under the most trying conditions of weather and terrain. Walcheren Island and the Hurtgen Forest, the Roer dams, the Saar Basin, and the Vosges Mountains were all to give their names during the fall months of 1944 to battles that, in the sum of their results, greatly hastened the end of the war in Europe. In addition to the handicap of weather there was the difficulty of shortages in ammunition and supplies. The handiwork courage and resourcefulness of the Allied soldiers was never tested more thoroughly and with more brilliant results than during this period.

The strength of our growing ground force was multiplied by the presence of a powerful and efficient air force. Tactically, our air force possessed a mobility which places in the hand of the high command a weapon that may be used on successive days against targets hundreds of miles apart. Aerial bombardments are delivered in

and became the basis of "Air Claims," but we found that this method provided no accurate estimate of the damage actually inflicted. Exact appraisal could be made only after the area was captured by the ground troops.

For the delivery, in a single blow, of a vast tonnage of explosives upon a given area, the power of the air force is unique. Employment of large bombers in this role has the advantage of imposing no strain upon the forward line of communication. Every round of ammunition that is fired from an artillery shell is unloaded at a main base and from there brought over to the front over crowded rail and road lines. After several handlings it is finally available for use at the gun site. The big bombers are stationed far in the rear; in our case they were in the United Kingdom. The bombs they used were either manufactured in that country or brought over from the United States in cargo ships. From factories or ports they went to appropriate airfields, and from there were delivered in one handling directly against the enemy.

The air can be employed in a variety of ways to forward the progress of the land battle. Its most common functions are to prevent interference with our ground forces by enemy planes, to render tactical assistance in attacking troops by fighter-bomber effort against selected targets on the front, and to facilitate capture of strongly defended points by heavy bombardment. In these close-support activities it has, of course, certain limitations. In Europe bad weather was the worst enemy of the air, and the unexpected advent of rain, fog, or cloud often badly disarranged a battle plan. In the middle of December bad weather prevented the air from discerning the concentration of unused German strength in the



such concentrated form as to produce among defending forces a shock that is scarcely obtainable with any amount of artillery.

For pinpointing of accessible targets, the air was normally not so effective as artillery. Moreover, against general targets, air power did not destroy—it damaged. An industrial area was never eliminated by a single raid and, indeed, rarely obliterated beyond partial repair even by repeated bombings. Lines of communication were never, except in extended periods of good weather, completely severed beyond any hope of use. But the air did deplete the usefulness of anything it attacked and, given ideal flying conditions and when used in large concentrations, could carry this process of depletion to near perfection.

Air attack by a single combat plane is a fleeting thing, and the results achieved do not always conform to first estimates. Air reports of destroyed vehicles, particularly armoured vehicles, were always too optimistic by far. This was not the fault of pilots. Each fighter-bomber airplane was equipped with a movie camera which automatically recorded the apparent results of every attack. The films were examined at bases

in Ardennes, and made the air force of little use to us in the first week of that battle. Moreover, by its nature, the air cannot stay constantly at the front; each plane must return periodically to its base for refueling and servicing. This limited the number present at the front to a fraction of the total numbers available. Occasionally enemy planes could therefore strafe our front lines, even though in over-all numbers our air strength was relatively overwhelming.

The air force had other important uses. One of these was to attack the enemy's supply lines. Still another was that of increasing the decisiveness of the ground battle. Every ground commander seeks the battle of annihilation; so far as conditions permit, he tries to duplicate in modern war the classic example of Cannae. In the beginning of a great campaign, battles of annihilation are possible only against some isolated portion of the enemy's entire force.

Destruction of bridges, culverts, railways, roads, and canals by the air force tends to isolate the force under attack, even if the severance of its communications is not complete.

In the fall of 1944 our air strength, in operational units, including the associated bomber

CANTONESE BY RADIO
BY S.K. LEE

Lesson 13.

Vocabulary:—

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| 67. (ying) ying ¹ | Ought. |
| 68. (kol) koy ¹ | Ought. |
| 69. (tse) dzeh | Thank. |
| 70. (sam) sum ¹ | Heart. Mind. Centre. |

Useful phrase:

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| (9) "M koy ¹ nay ¹ " | Thank you (for something done). |
| (10) "Daw ¹ dzeh nay ¹ " | Please. Sorry. Thank you (for something given). |
| (11) "Nay ¹ you sum ¹ " | Thank you. You are kind. |
| (12) "Hoh ¹ wah ¹ " | Don't mention it. |

Combinations:

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| 1. 'Ying koy ¹ | Ought. Should. |
| 2. 'M ying ¹ koy ¹ | Ought not. Shouldn't. |
| 3. Hoh ¹ sum ¹ | Kind-hearted. |

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| 1. 'Nay ying ¹ koy ¹ gom ² | You should do in this way. |
| yeung ² dzoh. | |
| 2. 'Nay 'm ying ¹ koy ¹ bay ² | You shouldn't give him money. |
| tseen ² kul. | |
| 3. 'M koy ¹ nay ¹ wah ¹ ngaw | Please tell me. |
| jee ¹ lah ¹ . | |

Conversation:

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| A. 'Nay hoh ¹ mah ² ? | How are you— |
| B. 'Ngaw hoh ¹ 'nay 'you sum ¹ . | I am well, thank you. |
| 'Nay neh ¹ ? | And you? |
| A. Hoh ¹ 'you sum ¹ . | Fine, thanks. |

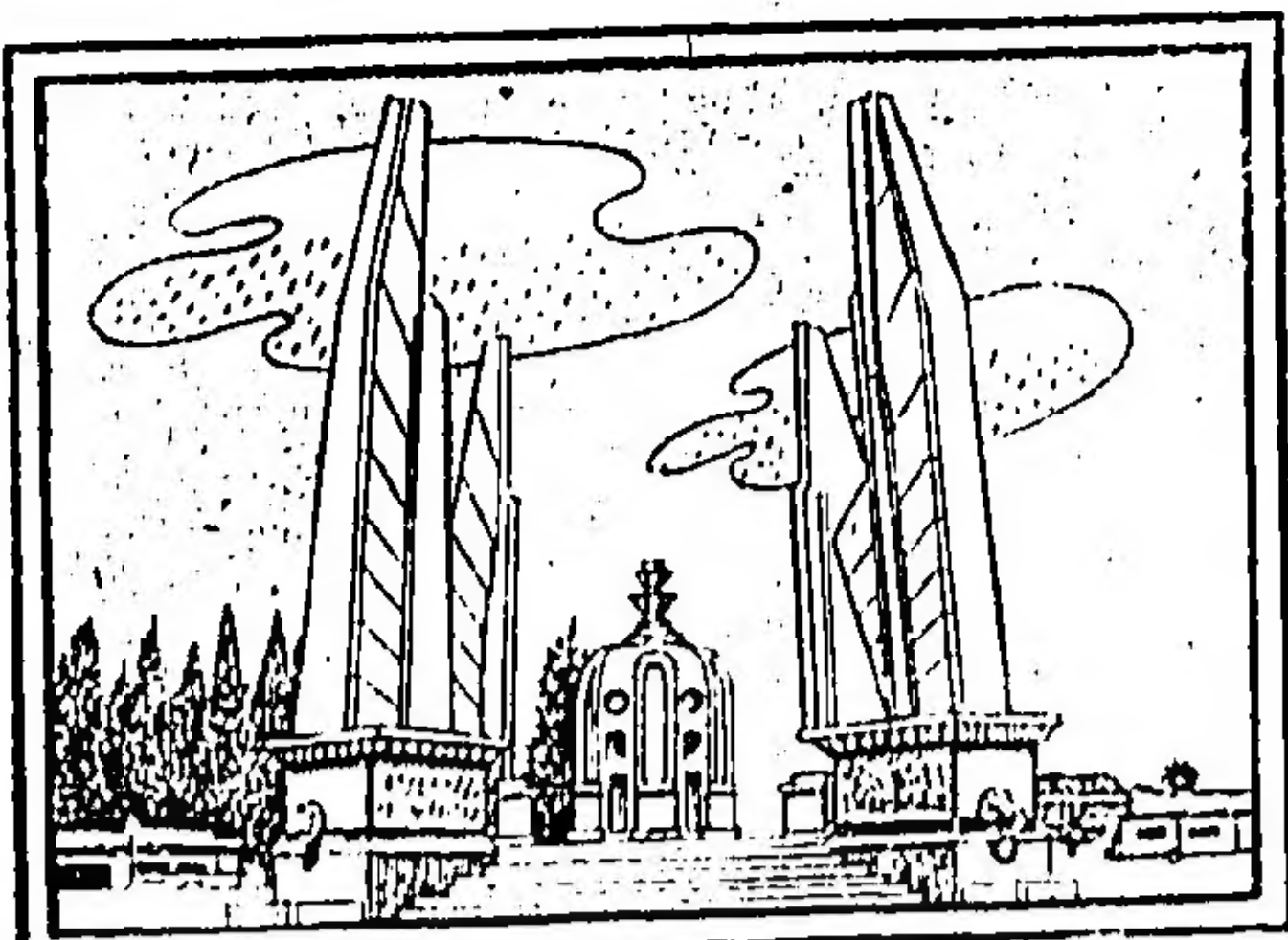
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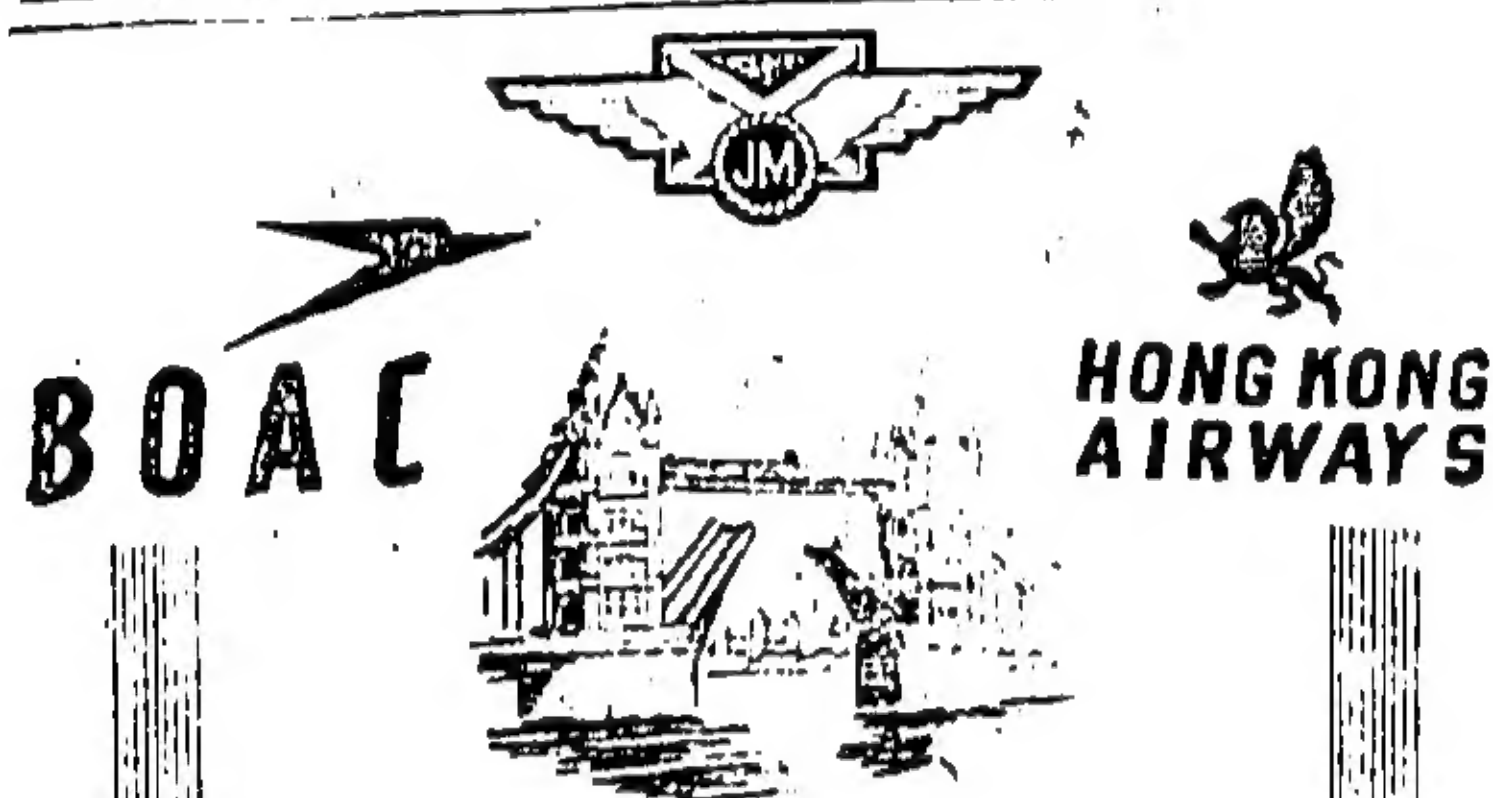
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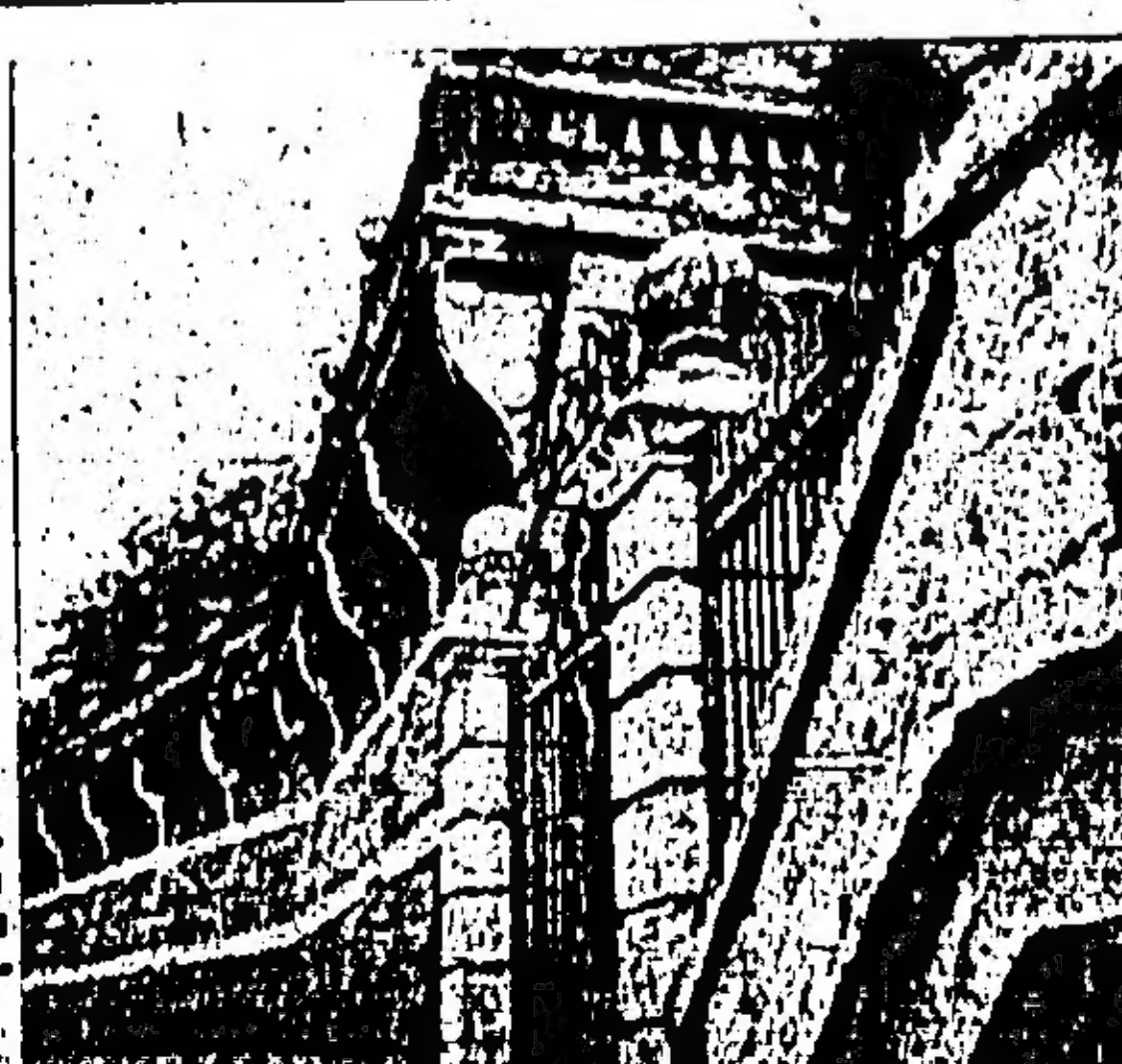
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REPORTS OF CABINET SPLIT

Revolt Against Palestine Policy?

U.S. APPEALS TO BRITAIN

Washington, January 12. The United States has urged Britain, Israel and Egypt to use the greatest restraint in the Middle East crisis, to safeguard the Jewish-Egyptian truce talks which are to begin tomorrow, the Acting Secretary of State (Mr. Robert Lovett) said today.

Mr. Lovett told a news conference that the United States made formal pleas for calmness both before and after the shooting down of five British planes by the Jewish forces last Friday. The United States primary concern is to preserve peace, and the United States thinks the truce talks have promising prospects of success, he said.

Mr. Lovett said he has seen nothing to justify reports that the Middle Eastern situation has hurt Anglo-American relations.—United Press.

Customs Seize Gem Fortune

London, January 12. Gems unofficially estimated to be worth £500,000 were seized by the customs authorities today in a London safe deposit box stored under the name of "Onko Colombo".

According to the Evening News, the depositor is an Italian who brought the jewels to Britain before the last war. The haul consists of 300 pieces, including rings, watches, brooches, pendants and bangles.

There are gold and platinum pieces studded with diamonds, rubies, sapphires, pearls, onyx and emeralds. Official indices of the seizure said the jewels were brought into Britain without customs or other duties being first paid.

If the owner makes a claim, legal proceedings will be instituted for the forfeiture and condemnation of the property. Colombo can dispute that the property is liable for forfeiture by filing a writ within one calendar month from the date of the notice, which was published last night.—Reuter.

Middle East As Moscow Sees It

Moscow, January 13. The Russian public was told today that Britain is getting ready to go to war in the Near East.

A despatch from the Beirut correspondent of Tass, the Russian news agency, said that the newspapers there reported in bold headlines preparations by the Royal Navy for a blockade of Israel.

The despatch said that communications from Cairo told of British armies near the Suez Canal being prepared for battle. It said also that the Arab Legion has gone under the British Supreme Command, that the British have commanded all Transjordan's transport for moving their armies and that British officers and soldiers are packing the streets of Amman, Transjordan's capital.—Associated Press.

Political Anxiety Over Events In Middle East

London, January 12.

An unusually long sitting of the Cabinet today heightened speculation about the possibility of a Government crisis over Palestine. One newspaper report said the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, is leading a Cabinet "revolt" against the Middle East policy of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

Rumours equally unconfirmed declared that Mr. Bevin, due to face a critical session of Parliament next week on the recent events in Palestine, is on the verge of resigning.

The West Is Winning The "Cold War"

Boston, January 12. Mr. Francis B. Sayre, United States delegate to the United Nations General Assembly meeting in Paris, believes the Western powers are winning the cold war against Russia.

Mr. Sayre said chances for peace now appear to be considerably brighter than a year ago. In the struggle between Western philosophy, law, order, and justice and Russia's belief in rule by sheer material power, Mr. Sayre said, these supporting the former are in the ascendant.

"The nation which plays a lone hand for selfish power is bound to lose in the long run," he said.

"The dice are heavily loaded against her," he said.—United Press.

COMMONWEALTH MINISTERS TO MEET IN EAST

London, January 12.

A Commonwealth Foreign Ministers conference will be held, possibly in the near future, at Colombo. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will make a statement on Commonwealth consultations when the House of Commons meets on January 18.

The Government is not displeased by the Indian Prime Minister's sponsorship of an Asian conference. Britain hopes Holland will put forward reasonable, comprehensive proposals so an interim Government of Indonesia can be formed, to be followed by free elections and the formation of a United States of Indonesia to which sovereignty would be transferred.—United Press.

Israeli Charges Denied In London

London, January 12.

Israeli charges that Britain has supplied arms to Arab States in contravention of the United Nations Security Council arms embargo were denied today by a Foreign Office spokesman.

Contravention of that embargo had been undertaken on a massive scale in the interests of Israel, the spokesman added. He said he would not deal with certain Israeli allegations, made in a letter to the Security Council yesterday by the

Israeli representative, Mr. Aubrey Eban, about British naval operations in the Eastern Mediterranean and British military manoeuvres in Tripolitania, since they do not fall within his competence. "We deny categorically that we have ever sent any military supplies to any Arab State in contravention of the arms embargo," the spokesman said. "If there is a threat to peace resulting from the Palestine situation this derives from the persistent violations of the Security Council truce by the Israeli authorities."

"I say this not only on the authority of the British Government, but also on the authority of the reports of the acting Mediator in Palestine, Dr. Ralph Bunche."

"It seems to us that the interests of peace can best be served by vindicating the authority of the Security Council in the Palestine dispute."

"We hope that all member States will address their policies to that end."

The spokesman said he believed 90 per cent of the arms reaching Israel come from Eastern European countries. He would not name the countries concerned but said Czechoslovakia is not the sole source.

The spokesman would neither confirm nor deny reports about a large arms contract between the Israeli authorities and the Caproni Company of Italy.

The spokesman also denied the Israeli charges in the Security Council yesterday that British troops movements to the Transjordan Red Sea port of Akaba are a threat to Israel.—Reuter.

He had been anxious for a long time lest the Palestinian events should imperil Anglo-American friendship and understanding.

"Surely the time has now come when a supreme effort must be made to agree on Anglo-American policy and to carry it out," he added.—Reuter.

Pilot's Story Of Shooting Down

London, January 12.

One of the four Royal Air Force Spitfire pilots shot down by Israeli forces last Friday in the Negev told correspondents in Tel Aviv today that he was over Israel territory when shots from Jewish ground troops set his plane on fire.

He is Pilot Officer Frank Harvey Close, attached to the RAF Reconnaissance Wing at the Suez Canal base.

Close was seen by three correspondents, with his consent, in the Jewish Military Hospital near Tel Aviv. He said he could not say whether his flight leader knew they were on the Israeli side of the frontier. His leader was flying at 500 feet.

"When my plane was fired upon I pulled up and the plane caught fire immediately. I jumped."

Close said that up to that time his flight had encountered neither anti-aircraft fire nor hostile planes.

Asked whether he knew another British plane had been shot down into the sea off the Israeli coast a few weeks earlier, Close said he had read about it in an Egyptian newspaper.

Not To Fire

He and the others had instructions what to do if they ran into trouble. These were in no circumstances to fire on ground targets even in reply, and to shoot a way out against hostile planes only as a last resort if trapped and outnumbered.

Close said they were ordered to evade action if engaged by aircraft. The British pilots were instructed not to use Egyptian landing fields.

If forced to bale out or land, they were to try to do so along a main road, otherwise to make across country to Ismailia.

He described the Sinai Desert as an unhealthy area in what appeared to be a reference to possible danger from hostile Arabs.

Close said that when he parachuted it was near some Jewish troops who gave him first aid and sent him to Beerseba Military Hospital. Asked about his treatment in hospital, he commented: "They persist in trying to overfeed me."

London Reaction

In London, an Air Ministry spokesman had no immediate comment to make on the interview.

Two Air Ministry statements issued since the five RAF planes were shot down have emphasised that British Middle East recon-

naissance aircraft had strict instructions not to cross into Palestine and that interrogation of the leaders of the formation was established that they did not do so.

The Air Ministry stands by its statement that all the British planes shot down by Jewish fighters last week had had instructions not to leave Egyptian territory and that none had crossed the frontier before being attacked.—Reuter.

TANKER BLOWS UP IN HARBOUR

Rio de Janeiro, January 12.

The Brazilian oil tanker, Itamarati, blew up in Rio de Janeiro Bay today, killing one person and injuring 10 more, including some shore workers. Another person is missing.

All ships in the area were called on for assistance.

The vessel, of 5,726 tons, is owned by Lloyd Brasileiro Patrimonio Nacional. The explosion occurred in the three forward tanks which were empty except for fumes.

A small fire followed but was promptly extinguished by Lloyds and the municipal fire brigade.

The cause of the explosion is not known, the captain said.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI FIRE
Shanghai, January 13. At least 3,000 people were rendered homeless last evening by a fire which gutted 600 matcheds in the Northern district of Shanghai.

One, perished in the fire, which started when a child overturned a kerosene stove while cooking.—Reuter.

London Denounces U.S. Attitude On Palestine Crisis

London, January 12.

A Foreign Office spokesman tonight denounced the United States' attitude toward the Palestine crisis.

He said also that the Soviet Government is supporting the illegal despatch of arms from Czechoslovakia to Israel.

The spokesman used words strong for diplomatic usage in lashing out at the other two nations which, with Britain, made up the wartime Big Three.

At the same time, he called for putting into full effect the Security Council resolutions on Palestine which call for troop withdrawals in South Palestine. This would take away from the Jews gains in two campaigns fought toward the end of last year.

For the first time, there has been official mention of the possibility that the Palestine conflict may spread beyond the Middle East. The spokesman said the current situation threatens peace and security both locally and in the Middle East and Europe generally.

The spokesman issued a statement, intended primarily for the United States, soon after the U.S. Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, had announced in Washington that America has urged Britain, Israel and Egypt to exercise the greatest restraint.

U.S. Criticised
For the second consecutive day, a British spokesman took the unusual step of making a formal statement on the dispute which came to a head last Friday with the shooting down of five British planes in the Palestine-Egypt border area.

Obviously, the spokesman acted with the full support of the Cabinet, which met in full session for the first time since Christmas.

The spokesman, demanding that the United Nations' orders on Palestine be carried out to the letter, said: "The British Government notes with regret the apparent reluctance of the United States Government to range itself squarely behind these resolutions."

The spokesman complained that public opinion in the United States seems to lean to the attitude that the British tend to blind opposition to the Jews and unperilful support of the Arabs. He said that is not the case.

"So far from pursuing a pro-Arab policy, the British Government have co-operated loyally in implementing the arms embargo which, through cutting off normal supplies of the Arab countries at a time when the embargo was being constantly violated in the interests of the Jews, has in fact operated strongly in favour of the Jews and against the Arabs."

"In these circumstances, the only possible policy for His Majesty's Government and, one would have supposed, for the United States Government, is to range themselves solidly behind the resolutions of the Security Council."—United Press.

Japanese-made wool - knit gloves already have started big sales in the U.S., they say, at prices far below the American cost.

At a news conference, Mr. James H. Casey, Junior, executive secretary of the National Association of Woolen Glove Manufacturers, explained the situation like this:

It costs the American manufacturer \$7.39 a dozen to make a woolen glove comparable to the one Japan exports to the U.S. duty and freight paid, at \$3 a dozen.

At retail level, he said, the comparison is 70 cents a pair for the Japanese and \$1.50 for the American make.

It is not a matter of higher tariffs, he said, but a matter of pricing.

The Japanese pay the current rate for raw wool and their shipping costs are the same as the next man's, but the average Japanese worker gets \$9 a month.

Mr. Casey said Japanese wool gloves and mittens first came here in 1934. By 1936 they had so strangled the American indus-

try, he said, that an embargo was placed on them.

Last year they began coming in again—325,000 pairs during the first 10 months, and the volume is growing.—Associated Press.

U.S. FACTORIES IN BRITAIN?

New York, January 13.

Fifty U.S. manufacturers are negotiating with the British Government to establish factories in Britain, according to American Machine, a trade publication.

The magazine said that about half involve extension of existing operations; 20 are firms which have British sales offices but no production facilities, and five have not operated in Britain at all.—Associated Press.

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GUERRILLA ATTACK ON JOGJAKARTA ADMITTED

Batavia, January 13.

The Dutch report a damaging guerrilla attack on Jogjakarta, the Republic's fallen capital, but say the raiders paid heavily in casualties. The Indonesian guerrillas plunged Jogjakarta into darkness by destroying a transformer station in a raid on Monday night and also cut telephone lines and attempted to set fires.

Main power lines were untouched and the damage has already been repaired. The Dutch do not say whether the guerrillas were set by the raiders. This first Dutch admission of trouble in the former capital said the attacking force was wiped out for the greater part and only two Dutch soldiers were wounded.

The guerrillas' underground hillside radio claimed one hand annihilated a Dutch occupation force at the town of Bandulung, 50 miles North West of Jogjakarta, and still holds it. The radio said other raiding bands swept out of the hills in the same area attacking other towns, and waged harassing sorties in West Java.

There is no confirmation of these reports from Dutch sources.

Sockarno Failed

It is disclosed that even as the Dutch were seizing Jogjakarta on the night of December 19, the Republican President, Mr. Sockarno, and other leaders were writing a plan to fight back by means of sabotage. Racing through the city, Dutch paratroopers captured Mr. Sockarno and other leaders before they could deliver a prepared radio speech telling his people to fight the Dutch with every mental and physical force. The text declared: "Holland never can smother our fighting spirit or crush or decrease the independence of the people."

Guerrilla forces in East Java are now concentrated East of Madiun, 100 miles to the East of Jogjakarta, under Major-General Soemkono, formerly Republican Military Governor of East Java, Republican sources claimed today.

Investiture At Palace

London, January 12. King George will hold an Investiture at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, March 1. This will be the first major function which the King has held since his illness was announced last November 22. Special arrangements will be made to enable the King to sit while conferring the honours and decorations, because the strain of standing up for two hours or longer will be too much, in the opinion of his doctors. According to Palace circles, the fact that the King's doctors are permitting him to undertake this duty should not be interpreted as indicating that his recovery is complete or that he will undertake any public engagements outside the Palace before the summer at the earliest.—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Annual Race Meeting, 1949

Saturday 15th, Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Saturday 22nd January.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon, each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 10 races each day (50 in all). The "Hong Kong Derby" is scheduled to be run on the third day, Tuesday, 18th January, Race No. 8 at 3.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE. The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES. Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

PAL ESTABLISH NEW RECORD

San Francisco, January 13. Philippine Air Lines yesterday completed an shipment of 93,000 pounds of the drug, streptomycin to the Philippine Islands. It calls the shipment the greatest such movement in history. The drug was ordered by the Philippine Department of Health and Public Welfare from a firm in New Jersey. The air shipment of the cargo required 10 days in special and regular cargo flights.—Associated Press.

Ex-Naval Officer Found Guilty

Bielefeld, January 12.

A former British naval officer was found guilty on a charge of larceny by the Control Commission High Court today.

He is Captain Guy Oakley Maund, aged 57. A former Royal Navy Officer, he was chief of the British Frontier Control Service in Germany. He was fined £25 with an alternative of one month's imprisonment.

The currency charges against Captain Maund were dropped. He pleaded not guilty to the larceny charge.

The Chief Prosecutor said that the charge related to a dinner service of 126 pieces and seven wine-glasses, the property of Frau Wegener, wife of a former Gauleiter, Paul Wegener, who is now in British custody.

The charge also alleged that Maund had stolen a carpet, described as the property of the British Military Government.

The Prosecutor said that all the articles were taken to England on the orders of the accused. Later, after identification, they were brought back to Germany by a detective.

A Detective-Inspector told the Court that Maund said the goods must have been packed and sent to England by mistake and not by his orders.

Maund said that he had never seen the carpet before and the claim was not his.

Aspirins Give Them Headache

Singapore, January 13. Aspirins are giving the Singapore Medical Department a headache. They're trying to sell 4,000,000 aspirin tablets. They were brought in by the Army at the time of the liberation and gradually accumulated during the period of the British Military Administration.—Associated Press.

Crew Walks Off Vessel

Baltimore, January 12. The Canadian freighter Ivor Rita was picketed today by its crew of 19 Italians in a walk-out over a wage dispute. The strike threatens to prevent the ship from sailing tomorrow with a Marshall Plan cargo of grain for Europe.

The crew, all members of the British National Union of Seamen, contend that they should be paid the higher wage scale of the Canadian Seamen's Union because the Ivor Rita is registered in Canada. The crew say they will be scabbing Canadian sailors if they accept a lower wage scale. A resolution, given to the ship's master and the British Consul here, said that if the demands are not met, the men will endeavour to force them by refusing to take the ship to sea.—United Press.

DANGER OF ANTI-WEST BLOC BEING FORMED AT NEW DELHI TALKS

Washington, January 12.

For Eastern observers believe that strong action by the Security Council on the Indonesian problem will profoundly affect the forthcoming conference at New Delhi.

Observers say that if the Council action demonstrates that the big powers truly support the Indonesians it will militate against the formation of an anti-white bloc.

On the attitude of the Western powers largely depends whether or not a serious rift develops between the "white" West and the "brown and yellow" East, they believe.

Indonesia has become a world test tube in which Orientalism will gauge the genuineness of Western intentions, these observers say. They believe that strong Security Council action against the Dutch before the conference opens will soften the rancour of many delegates and enable the conference to explore possibilities of future co-operation along other lines than the Indonesian issue.

However, the observers say if the United States, Britain and France, in effect, side with the Dutch by default or agreement on positive action, then the long term consequences may be grave.

Jessup's Speech

Should that happen, one Far Eastern source says, a racial East-West split will be precipitated by the Western powers.

United States awareness that Eastern eyes are focussed on the Indonesian stand is believed to be reflected in the strong words spoken yesterday at Lake Success by the United States Security Council delegate, Mr. Philip C. Jessup.

For Eastern sources here say that if Mr. Jessup's words are followed by United States action, then the delegates to the New Delhi conference may be guided accordingly.

Mr. Jessup conferred here yesterday with Mr. M. Merle Cochran, American member of the United Nations Good Offices Committee, who was recalled from Java as a consequence of the Dutch Police action. Mr. Cochran refused to discuss his mission in any way.

However, observers conclude that Mr. Jessup's words in the Security Council must have been decided after the State Department heard Mr. Cochran's report of the Indonesian situation.

An informed source says the New Delhi conference was first suggested to Pandit Nehru, Indian Prime Minister.

U.S. Pompey Wants New Peace Talks

Portsmouth, U.S.A., January 13.

The Council of this city, where the Russo-Japanese peace conference was held 44 years ago today voted to seek a repeat performance.

This time it would be between the Chinese Nationalists and the Communists.

At the Council's direction, Mayor Cecil M. Neal appointed a committee to acquaint the belligerents in China of the city's willingness to be the site for peace negotiations.

Mayor Neal suggested the committee notify President Truman and members of the New Hampshire congressional delegation that the city is willing to act again as a dove of peace.

In 1905 the war between Russia and Japan ended when President Theodore Roosevelt helped effect the signing of the peace treaty at Portsmouth.—Associated Press.

PLAN TO DISRUPT INDUSTRY IN UK

London, January 12.

A Communist plan to disrupt British industry is due to be put into operation next August.

This is according to Mr. Arthur Deakin, President of the World Federation of Trade Unions.

Mr. Deakin refuses to give his source of information for this statement. In an article in The Record, organ of the Transport and General Workers Union, of which he is Secretary General, Mr. Deakin suggests that the Communists aim to wreck the Marshall Plan.

He writes: "It has never been my practice to prophesy, but information has reached me recently that such a programme does exist and that the Communist Party will endeavour to apply it to this country and that August, 1949, is the deadline for action."

Mr. Deakin told reporters today that he will be placing people in considerable jeopardy if he discloses his source of information. He has not communicated his information to the Government or to the General Council of the Trades Union Congress.

Mr. Harry Pollitt, Secretary General of the Communist Party, said there is not a word of truth in Mr. Deakin's statement.—Reuter.

BEAUTY QUEEN WAS STRANGLED

Romford, January 12.

The longest and most beautiful woman in the world, Lillian Thomas, 38-year-old former beauty queen, who was found dead in the kitchen of her home in Chestnut Avenue, Romford, was opened here today and adjourned till after the end of criminal proceedings.

The coroner was told that a post mortem examination showed the woman had been strangled.—Reuter.

Aircraft Company Summoned

London, January 12.

A London aircraft company and its Australian Director were charged with gun-running in France at a London police court today.

The charges allege that a Lancaster aircraft, owned by the Aeronautical and Industrial Research Corporation, carried 17 cases containing 20 millimetre anti-aircraft guns with ammunition at Bielefeld, Germany, France, about May 11 last year.

The Managing Director, Mr. Frederick Cotton, 51-year-old pioneer airman, is alleged to have aided and abetted in the offence.

The summonses were adjourned indefinitely.

Counsel for the defence said that Mr. Cotton had flown back specially from the East to hear the summonses, but on legal advice is not appearing personally.

In the opinion of the defence there is a complete answer to the charges. There had been a certain amount of publicity, but Mr. Cotton is not ashamed of anything that he has done.—Reuter.

Island Captured By Burma Rebels

Rangoon, January 13.

Burmese Army and Navy forces put out from Rangoon today on an expedition to recapture Bilugyun Island off the Burma coast from separatist forces.

The island fell on Tuesday to Mon and Karen rebels after a 24-hour assault. The Mon and Karen tribes demand a separate state.

Widespread violence erupted after Christmas Eve incidents when, Karen spokesmen said, 200 of their members were massacred by Government police while attending midnight church services.

A Government spokesman said that Bilugyun, near Moulmein and a night's steamer trip from here, was garrisoned by civilian police only when 200 rebels swarmed across the narrow strait separating the island from the mainland to occupy key positions.

He said Government forces hope to recapture the island within two or three days.

The Government suspended passenger and freight operations in the Burmese delta area on Tuesday because of repeated attacks on its steamers.

A band reported to be led by Communists seized the island of Hancow off the coast near Akyab on Tuesday, a Government communiqué said. Government forces are being sent to aid islanders still holding out.

Two sharp clashes on the mainland are reported. The Government said it lost five killed and that rebel casualties were heavy.—Associated Press.

Agreement in Berlin

Berlin, January 12.

The "Eastern" and "Western" Administrations of Berlin reached agreement today when the "Eastern" Magistrat consented to take over control of the Waldhaus tuberculosis hospital at Sommerfeld, in the Soviet Zone, owned by the British-sector district of Charlottenburg.

The decision was taken to prevent the hospital coming under the control of the Soviet Zone Public Health Administration at Potsdam and the consequent evacuation of 400 Western sector patients to the Western Zones.

Communist is 60 miles North West of Berlin. The head of the "Western" Magistrat's Public Health Department, Dr. Bruno Harms, said that the "Eastern" Magistrat had also agreed that the facilities of all the city-owned placed at the disposal of all second Berlin hospital should now be for.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 0.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.15 p.m.—Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father E. Dourley, S.J. (Studio)

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.35 p.m.—Ambrose and His Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—London Theatre Orchestra.

1.15 p.m.—New Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"Music for You" by Geraldine & His Orchestra with The Geraldine Sisters, Carol Carr and Denny Vaughan (Vocal) (ORBS)

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.

4.01 p.m.—A Grandway Programme.

4.30 p.m.—Cantonese by Radio, Given by Miss Leo Wai Lan & S. K. Lee. (Studio)

4.50 p.m.—Xavier Cugat and His Waldorf Astoria Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis (London Relay)

7.15 p.m.—Sporting Review. (Studio)

7.30 p.m.—Variety Band Box from the People's Palace London. (BBC7S)

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—"How to be King" by Dorothy L. Sayers. (BBC7S) 4th Part: "The Heir to the Kingdom"

8.25 p.m.—Music from the film "Fantasia"

9.15 p.m.—A Story: "Here comes the Copper" by Henry Wade. Read by Clifford Davies. (Studio)

9.35 p.m.—Concert presented by Peggy Cochran, Albert Sanders' Trio and Jack Payne's Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Rev. (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—"Sweet Serenade" Peter York and His Concert Orchestra, with Paula Green and Steve Conway. (BBC7S)

11.00 p.m.—"Think on These Things" (BBC7S)

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

TROUBLE IN FRENCH INDIA

Paris, January 13.

Official French sources refuse to comment on reports that the Socialist and Congress representatives in French India have agreed with the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, to repudiate last year's Franco-Indian agreement, under which the future status of French India is to be decided by a referendum among the five French dependencies.

The Governor of the French Indies, M. Charles Baron, has been urgently asked for a report on the situation.—Reuter.

HONG KONG ONLY BRITISH BASTION IN THE PACIFIC

Forrestal Asks New Powers

Washington, January 12. The Defence Secretary, Mr. James Forrestal, has asked Congress for authority to send American military missions to all parts of the world, wherever they may serve the global interest of the United States.

Sensors learned of Mr. Forrestal's project today as the Senate Armed Services Committee met in secret session.

A military mission usually includes officers, technicians and experts but no regular organised units.

During the last war, authority existed to send these missions anywhere.

Mr. Forrestal informed the Senators that three types of military missions should be authorized:

1. General military assistance.
2. An inter-American cooperation plan, which in effect will be a military assistance bill for the American Republics.
3. Missions to fit the pattern of global interests.—Reuter.

Retaliation By British

Berlin, January 13. The British Military Government, General Sir Brian Robertson, today banned the importation of any Soviet licensed newspaper, film, book or other German-language publication into the British Zone of Germany.

Today's order was similar to the ban decreed by General Robertson on November 10 but in a revised form intended to give the ban a tighter legal basis and close the loopholes through which Soviet-licensed publications have been leaking through.

In an appendix to the order, it is stated that the action follows a recent Soviet order prohibiting the distribution of British-licensed literature in the Soviet Zone.

The order does not exclude Soviet-licensed editions of standard school works. Technical magazines, scientific books and other publications of a utilitarian or strictly non-partisan nature will be allowed.

The United States military authorities have similar restrictive orders covering their Zone. They apply to all Soviet-licensed publications irrespective of their nature.—Reuter.

Died The Day Before Show

New York, January 12. The death occurred here today of Willie Howard, 62, star of Variety and the Broadway musical stage in the Ziegfeld era.

Mr. Howard died in the Poly-clinic Hospital after a six-week illness.

The sad-eyed little comedian, who introduced "Sweet Adeline" and who made famous the song "Pay The Man Two Dollars," died just a day before a musical in which he was to star was to open on Broadway.—United Press.

Press Peer Explains His Political Policy

London, January 12. Lord Beaverbrook, owner of the Daily Express, which has a circulation of 4,000,000 copies, explained his politics today following a report that he is no longer a Conservative.

In an interview with A. J. Cummings, political commentator of the Liberal News-Chronicle, Lord Beaverbrook was asked if he intends to give whole-hearted or modified support to Mr. Winston Churchill and the Conservative Party in the next general election.

His reply, according to Mr. Cummings, was: "That will depend upon the policy developed by Mr. Churchill and the Conservative Party. If it is an Empire policy I am with them. If not, I oppose them."

Lord Beaverbrook said his politics are what they have always been, as set forth in his 1925 book "Politicians and the Press."

Mr. Cummings quoted a passage from that book: "In the Empire and not in Europe our future lies."

The paragraph quoting Lord Beaverbrook as saying he is no longer a Conservative appeared in his own London Evening Standard last week. It declared he will not renew his subscription to the Conservative Party Association.

Oasis In Desert Of Destruction

London, January 12. Mr. A. Comyns-Carr, K.C., British prosecutor at the major Japanese war trials, today said that Hong Kong is the sole remaining bastion of British prestige in the Pacific.

"Hong Kong is an oasis of prosperity in a desert of desolation and destruction," he said.

"The calamities of the Kuomintang in China have given greater opportunities to the little Colony, which is one place in the Pacific which is able to rely on British administration."

Mr. Comyns-Carr said the collapse of China was due to exhaustion, coupled with misgovernment, which had crippling effects on Shanghai and other treaty ports handed over to China after the war.

Mr. Comyns-Carr compared the Chinese Communist policy to that of General MacArthur in Japan.

Mr. Comyns-Carr told the Royal Empire Society, "The Chinese Communist Party, so far as can be gathered from accounts of Europeans remaining in their areas and from the texts of their decrees, is primarily an agrarian reform party."

"Their new agrarian law appears to be no more drastic on the whole than the one adopted under General MacArthur's pressure on Japan. Both are merely schemes for redistribution of existing cultivated areas among cultivators, including existing owners."

Mr. Comyns-Carr said he had no intention of being provocative or critical of MacArthur's magnificent job but simply wished to emphasize that MacArthur's policy can be taken as an example of the most effective measures to counter Communism.

Pump-Priming

Lieutenant General Sir Charles Gairdner, who went to Japan in 1945 as Mr. Winston Churchill's personal representative and stayed three years, voiced similar convictions.

"I would call it a pump-priming solution for Eastern problems," he said. "We should pour raw materials into areas threatened by Communism, sufficient to raise living standards above anything the Communists have to offer. It would ultimately prove less expensive than vast military operations."

Mr. Comyns-Carr said it is difficult to understand Russia's Far Eastern policy.

"If Russia is the protector of the Chinese Communists, it is odd she did not leave them the great plants captured from the Japanese in Northern Manchuria," he said.

"The Russians carried them all away and left only an empty shell. Similarly, her refusal to any peace treaty with Japan has its only practical effect in prolonging American occupation of Japan, which is a useful if rather vulnerable advanced base in the event of war."

Threat To The Commonwealth

General Gairdner said he could not completely share this view.

"I am not sure whether Japan would be a great asset in the event of war. It would be a great responsibility and that is possibly the reason why

Russia has not agreed to a treaty. The best idea would be for Japan to be a neutral area."

Both men told the United Press that the spread of Communism in Asia has jeopardised world peace and is the gravest threat to Commonwealth security.

Other members of the Royal Empire Society emphasised the urgency of economic and political unity among the Western nations to counter aggression in Asia as much as in Europe.

They stressed the need for greater Anglo-American collaboration.

A member of the House of Lords, who prefers to remain anonymous, said: "America and Britain do not think in the same way about Asia. America thinks in terms of trade and sentiment while Britain has serious political issues to face. While this exists, there is always the danger of our policy going directly opposite to America's. This should be stopped now."

Questioned further regarding General MacArthur's policy in Japan, Mr. Comyns-Carr said: "I think it is founded more closely on the British Constitution than on the United States, despite the fact that it was framed by the Americans."

Regarding Japan's defeat, he said: "The irony of Japan's failure is that she succeeded in doing what she preached—liberation of the Far East from the West—instead of what she practiced, which was the substitution of Japanese for Western domination."

Japanese Propaganda Machine

Tokyo, January 13. The Japanese press is loaded these days with what appears to be a directed propaganda campaign to gain concessions from the Allies for economic stability.

For several days the top stories in all Tokyo papers have concerned economics. All international stories and even local politics have been subordinated.

This emphasis on economics is timed to degree by Washington's directive for a "get tough" policy in restoring domestic stability. The current press campaign contains little fresh news but it does emphasise the major points that industrial leaders and their political spokesmen want to get across.

It started long enough after the December directive was issued to allow time for careful preparation of what was to be said.

The local reader gets the impression that stability would be restored automatically by three moves: establishment of an exchange rate favourable to Japanese business, release of wartime economic leaders from purge restrictions and a heavy flow of foreign capital as investment, mostly for plant expansion.—Associated Press.

DEATH WARRANT OF WFTU?

London, January 12. Mr. James Carey, Secretary-Treasurer of the United States Congress of Industrial Organizations, tonight met Mr. Arthur Deakin, Secretary of the Trade Union Congress and President of the World Federation of Trades Unions.

Though it was an informal talk rather than an official consultation, observers here believe they signed the death warrant of the World Federation.

Before the meeting with Mr. Deakin, Mr. Carey told newsmen that the CIO attitude when the World Federation's Executive meets in Paris next week will certainly not be less bold than that of the TUC.

"Asked if the CIO delegation will follow the British delegates if they decide to walk out, Mr. Carey commented: 'You may well find us ahead of them.'—Reuter.

Bad News For PI Smugglers

Manila, January 13. Customs men are now ready to deal a heavy blow to smuggling with the use of a device, newly acquired from the United States, known as the sicular in-spectroscope.

Believed to be the first of its kind to be used in the Orient, the new inscope is said to be effective in detecting jewellery and other objects concealed in smugglers' clothing or luggage. The apparatus functions in a way similar to that of an X-ray. It cost US\$7,000.—United Press.

Edinburgh's Visit To Yorkshire

Bradford, January 12. The Duke of Edinburgh visited Bradford today to open the new Bradford Grammar School. He first went to Yeatton, where he visited James Ives and Company and made presentations to employees with long service.

He was accompanied by the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, and the Regional Controller of the Board of Trade, Mr. A. D. Robinson.

The Duke then attended a conference of the National Playing Fields Association.

He lunched at the Bradford town hall before driving to Lister Park for the opening of the school, which was occupied by the military during the war.

A shawl, made of Bradford wool by blind women, was presented to the Duke as a gift from the school to Prince Charles.—Reuter.

Greek Rebels' Big Attack

Athens, January 12. The Greek General Staff announced that two brigades of Greek guerrillas with heavy artillery and mortars are battling with Greek Army units on the Northern and Southern outskirts of the Macedonian town of Naoussa.

They began their attack from North and South last night.

Another battle is being fought near Edessa, 15 miles North West of Naoussa, where the Marko forces have launched a diversionary attack. Official details are lacking.—Reuter.

LAST-MINUTE BID TO SAVE NORTHERN BLOC

Stockholm, January 12. Sweden, in a last-minute bid to salvage the proposed joint Scandinavian defence agreement, has recalled for consultations to Stockholm, her Ambassadors in Washington, London, Paris and Moscow.

The move follows feelers from Washington to Norway and Denmark but not Sweden on their attitude to a possible formal invitation to join the proposed North Atlantic Pact.

During the private meeting of the Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers of the three Scandinavian countries in Karlstad, Sweden, last week, the Norwegians said they are willing to join the Atlantic Pact, in which the United States and Canada will be associated with the five Western Union nations.

The Danes are hesitant about committing themselves but are inclined to follow the Norwegians. The Swedes are firmly determined to maintain their traditional neutrality outside all international alliances.

Sweden's object in consulting her Ambassadors to the "Big Four" capitals is to evolve some compromise formula which will permit Norway and Denmark to seek their security with the Western powers without committing Sweden too far.

To Go Own Way

If their consultation does not produce a formula, the Ambassadors with their special

knowledge will try to smooth out the differences between the three Scandinavian countries at a new meeting with the three Prime Ministers and their Cabinet colleagues on January 22 in Copenhagen.

Informed observers here believe that the cleavage between Norway and Sweden on the objectives of the proposed Scandinavian bloc is too wide to be closed.

At the end of the Copenhagen meeting, these observers predict, each country will go its own way—Norway to the North Atlantic Alliance and Sweden to neutrality.

The Swedish, Norwegian and Danish defence chiefs met again in Oslo today and their talks are likely to continue tomorrow. The Committee, appointed last October by the three Defence Ministers, is believed to be discussing standardisation of arms and joint strategy in the event of an attack.—Reuter.

"LUCKY" ACCIDENT FOLLOWED GIRL'S TRIP TO LOURDES

Albany, California, January 12. Six-year-old Mary Ann McMahon, crippled since birth, made the trip to the shrine of St. Bernadette in Lourdes, France, recently and prayed for the use of her legs.

Today it appears that her prayer may be answered.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert McMahon, the girl's parents, say the little blonde child has regained partial use of her legs by virtue of a fortunate accident.

Soon after her return from Lourdes, the girl fell off her tricycle and broke her left leg just below the knee.

What appeared to be tragedy at the time turned out to be a blessing, for doctors set the leg straight and thereby made it stronger.

Now Mary can walk short distances without help.

Dr. McMahon says the next step will be an operation on her right leg in the hope that it too may be strengthened and straightened.

Her father explains that Mary Ann was born without any fibula the bone between knee and ankle.

Prior to her accident, she was unable to walk without heavy plaster casts on her legs. The McMahons say that, although the child has been to many specialists, none has advised breaking her legs.

Her mother said: "But when she fell off her tricycle she broke it in the perfect place. I am sure Mary Ann is going to be fine."—United Press.

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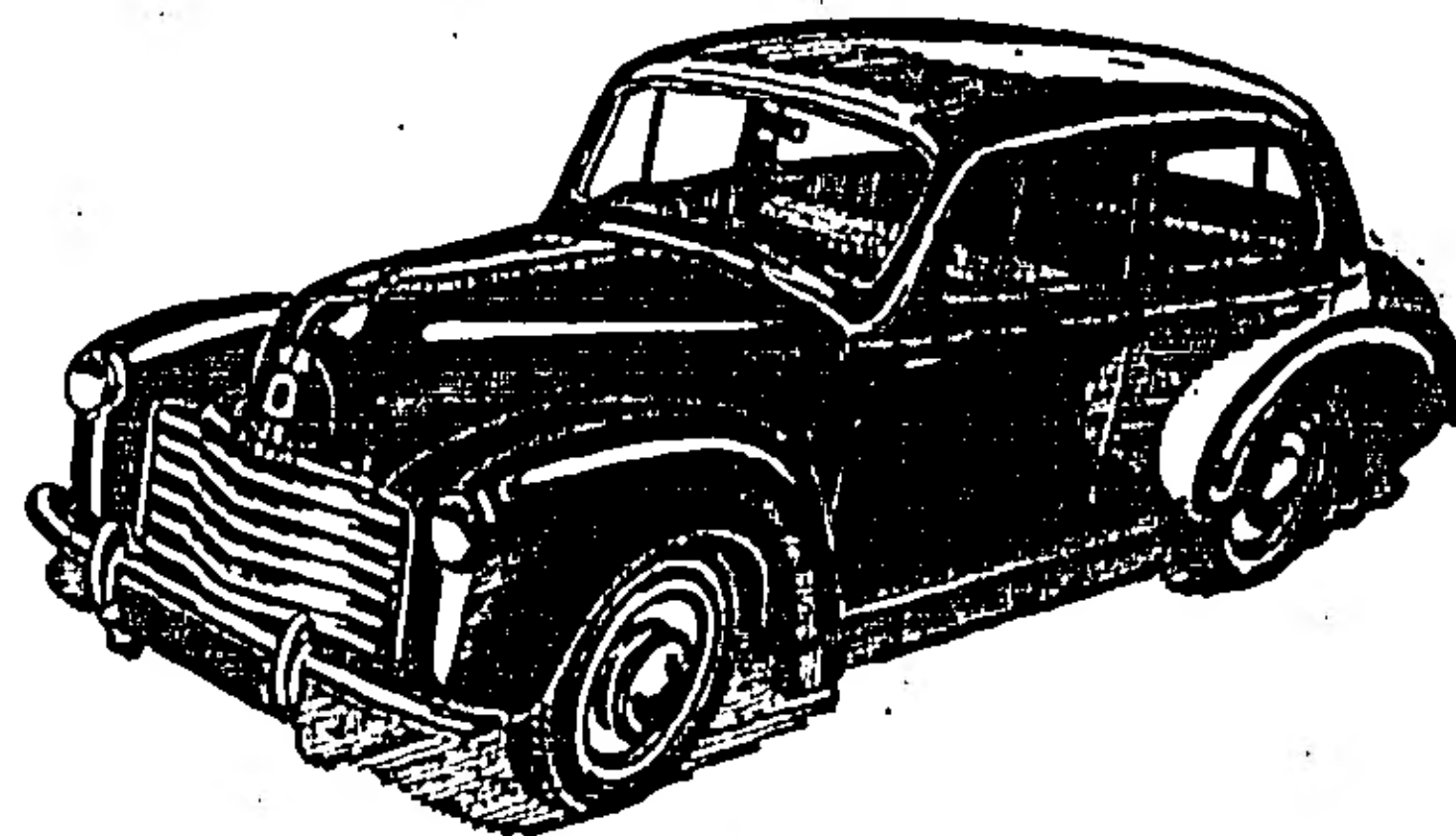
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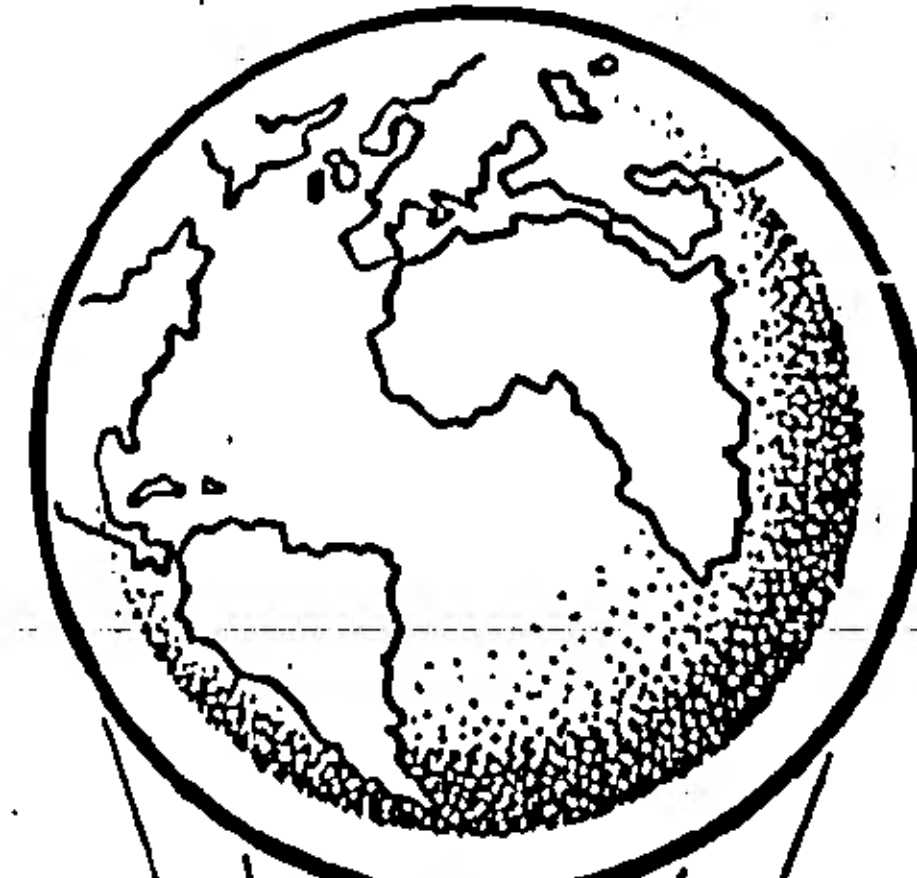
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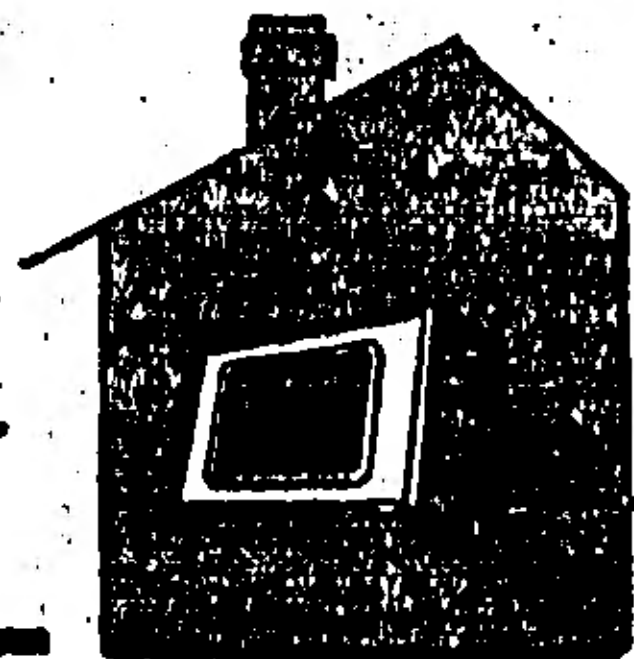
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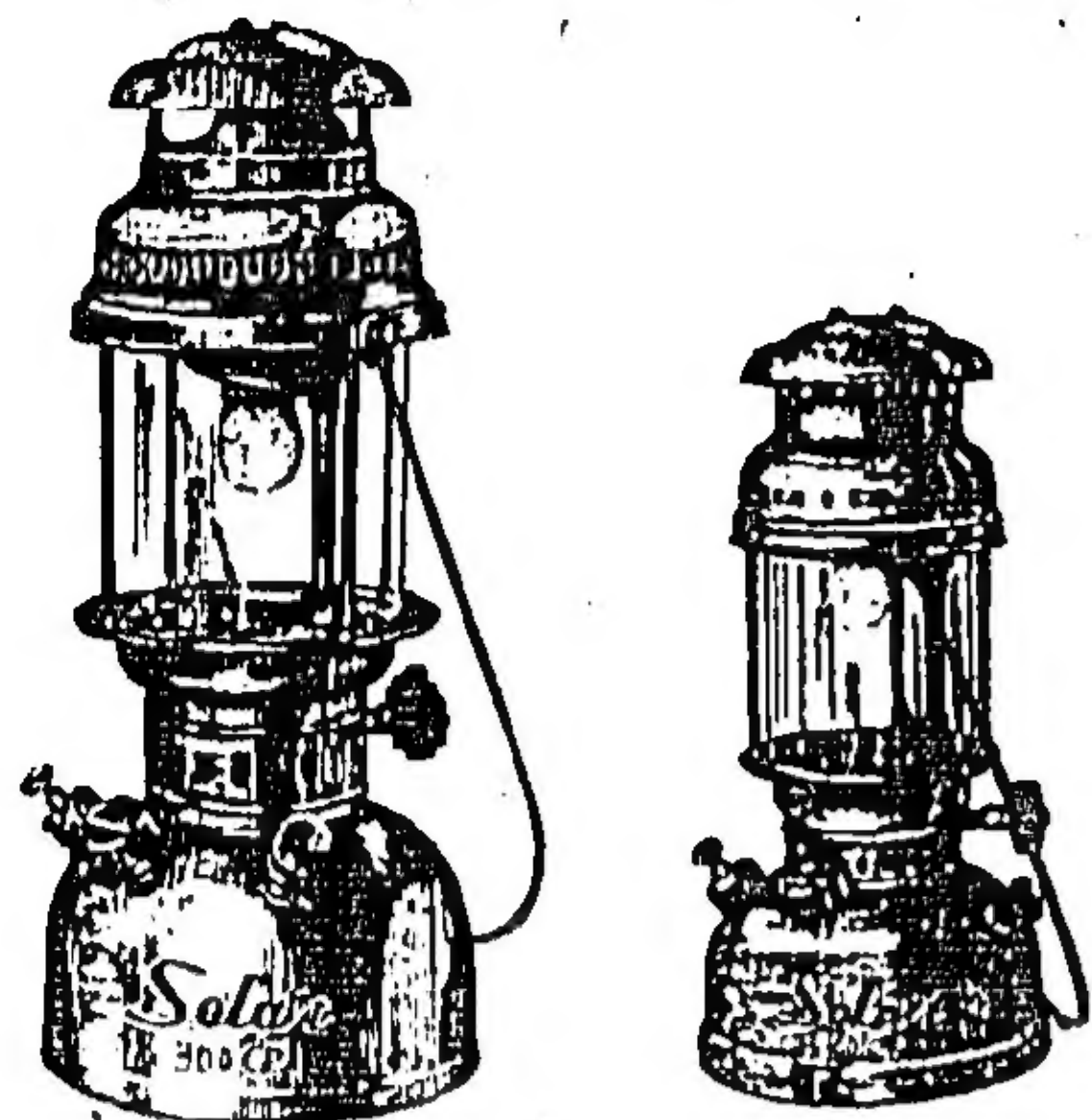
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NO CONTROL PLAN CAN PREVENT USE OF ATOMIC BOMBS

New York, January 12.

No scheme for world control of atomic energy, not even the Western plan approved by the United Nations, can prevent the use of atomic weapons in a long drawn-out war.

This is according to America's member of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, Frederick Osborn.

Mr. Osborn said that it is a fallacy to believe that even proposals devised by the United States and endorsed by 48 of 58 United Nations countries can keep nations from using every effective weapon of war available to them when backed against the wall in a new war.

It is also a fallacy to believe that the United Nations atomic plan is a step toward a world government in any form, he added.

He said: "It is a plan for co-operation among national states, not for coercion from a supra-national authority."

Osborn, again attacking Russia's refusal to accept the majority plan for atomic control, said that the much-embellished American plan is the only possible formula for providing a degree of atomic safety.

But, he said, even that would not block the use of atom bombs when any nation possessing atomic facilities on its own soil feels that the chips are down.

Mr. Osborn said the merit of the majority plan is that it will eliminate the chances of any nation gaining immense initial advantage in atomic armament by placing facilities for nuclear energy in the hands of the proposed International Atomic Energy Authority.

While this would not be enough to keep a nation from seizing control from the international authority, Mr. Osborn said, it would guarantee that prior to the outbreak of war the nation on whose land such facilities are situated would not be able to use them to stockpile atomic weapons.

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The control machinery endorsed by the West and scorned by Russia would provide for a period of grace which may make possible a settlement before atomic bombs come into use, and would sprinkle atomic facilities around the world so that the possibility of creating atomic weapons would not be exclusively in the hands of any one nation or group of nations.

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Mr. Osborn assailed the most vocal exponents of world government in this country who, he said, use the necessities of atomic control as one of their arguments for a world government.

Of Russia's refusal to join the majority, Mr. Osborn said: "It is not wholly impossible to believe, although the present prospects are dim, that the Soviet Union may some time desire to co-operate with the rest of the world."—United Press.

THE NEW MUFTI

Amman, January 12.

Sheikh Husam Eddin Jarallah was today named Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and President of the Moslem Supreme Council by King Abdullah, to succeed Haj Aminel Hussein.—United Press.

Africa Manganese For America

Washington, January 13.

The United States will start setting aside steel next month for the manufacture of goods waggon needed to get out South African manganese for America's stock piles, the Commerce Department said today.

Russia now supplies America with most of her manganese, and officials will not withdraw reports in trade circles that Russia expects to cut down on shipments of metal to the United States.

The new plan provides for setting aside 2,578 tons of steel monthly from February until September at least, to make goods waggon for transporting manganese ore from South African mines to the ports.

The wagons are to be made by the Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Montreal, for the Union of South African Railways. The United States Munitions Board, which handles Government war materials stock-piling, has said the plan may make it possible to get half or all its stockpile manganese from South Africa.

The Board has never disclosed the amount of manganese it wants but it has suggested that a steel guarantee plan may enable South Africa to increase its yearly manganese production by 250,000 to 300,000 tons.

The Canadian car factory has undertaken to deliver the wagons to the South African Railways in the fourth quarter of this year.—Reuter.

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Suicide With 'Atom Capsule'

Rome, January 12.
Il Giornale d'Italia said yesterday that Edwin Belts, engineer, committed suicide in Venice by swallowing a capsule which the local authorities feared contained an "atomic explosive."
The authorities refused to touch the body because they feared an explosion, and it was buried without an autopsy.—United Press.

CAR SHORTAGE IN BRITAIN

Fremantle, January 12.

Viscount Nuffield, Chairman of Morris Motors, said today that his organization has more than 250,000 British applicants waiting for cars.

In Britain, he added, only 25 per cent of cars produced are allowed to be sold on the home market and by the time priority holders are satisfied, he doubted whether other citizens get more than 10 per cent of the allocation. Lord Nuffield arrived here today for a trade tour of Australia and New Zealand. He has already visited South Africa.—Reuter.

World Domination Is Goal Of The Kremlin

Detroit, January 12.

The ECA Administrator, Paul Hoffman, said today that the Russian Politburo is using its best efforts to achieve world domination.

This is the primary goal of Soviet policy and a drive is being waged with an intensity and determination that makes Hitler's efforts seem amateurish, he said.

Mr. Hoffman's statement is one of the strongest condemnations of Russia by a responsible United States official.
He said: "The United States people, despite recent revelations of the Communist activity at home and abroad, are still unaware of what is happening and of the seriousness of danger that threatens them and the entire world."

He described the Russian campaign as ruthless.
"One of the dreams of the Soviet Union is to establish world dictatorship by promoting satellite police states dominated by the Kremlin," he declared.

He listed the Soviet successes since V-J Day and said Generalissimo Josef Stalin has every right to be well pleased with the results.

China Situation

He noted that in addition to taking over several European countries, the Kremlin is so close to taking over all of China that the situation is most serious. The basic error of the Chinese Government in its fight against the Reds is to believe that Communism can be beaten by bullets alone, he declared.

Mr. Hoffman said that most of the Chinese leaders' efforts have been exclusively military and apparently most of the provincial leaders believe that all their energies and resources should be concentrated in an effort to stop Communism with bullets.

"They do little or nothing to improve the lot of the people or make them feel a part of the government."

"The tragic consequences of following this concept are all too evident."

Yen Praised

But he singled out Marshal Yen Shih-shan of Shanghai province as an military leader who has seen the picture in its true perspective.

He recalled that Marshal Yen is the author of a pamphlet

entitled "Ways and Means to Cope with the Communists", which emphasized that battles cannot be won unless morale on the home front is good.

Mr. Hoffman quoted several passages from Marshal Yen's pamphlet, including those advocating the abolition of class distinctions, formation of people's discussion groups to discuss government objectives, economic equality through a ration system guaranteeing food to rich and poor alike and a soldier and farmer programme of agrarian reform plus fairness in military recruitment policies.

On the European front, Mr. Hoffman described the recovery picture as fairly optimistic for the coming year.

He said: "The tide of Communism is ebbing in Europe wherever the Marshall Plan has gone."—United Press.

Indo-China Successes For French

Saigon, January 12.

Vietminh troops have lost 400 men and arms and ammunition, including 2,500 shells, 36 bombs and three tons of explosives, in encounters with the French forces South of Hanoi since January.

Headquarters of the French Army in Saigon announced this today.

French paratroopers and naval commandos supported by air forces are taking part in the offensive launched at the beginning of December around Phluk, 38 miles South of Hanoi, to destroy rebel military installations, the communique said.

The French captured four armament factories, a foundry and a steam power plant.

They killed 32 Vietminh soldiers in mopping-up operations

Americans Reducing Personnel

Shanghai, January 13.
The reduction of United States military organization personnel in Shanghai is continuing steadily.

No comment on the extent of the reorganization and retrenchment from high officers of the Joint United States Military Advisory Group is available, but transfers of considerable body of officers and men have been effected as a routine measure in the past few weeks.

The complete removal of United States Army, Navy and Marine Corps units from the Kiangwan air base was completed. The equipment and men have been re-stationed at the civil Lungshan airport.

At Kiangwan, the United States organizations occupied four hangars and approximately one-quarter of the entire paved parking area. In addition they operated the ground control approach radar equipment and the airport tower.

With the transfer, military and naval units are now re-established in rented space of the China National Aviation Corporation.

Radar and radar equipment will be operated out of Lungshan airport in future.

The military units which shifted from Kiangwan are largely transport squadrons.—Reuter.

DANISH CRASHES

Copenhagen, January 12.

Two Danish Air Force Spitfires crashed today. The pilot of one was killed when his plane came down during the a snow-storm on Jutland.

The second plane crashed while landing at an airport here. Another Danish Spitfire crashed earlier this week.—Reuter.

near the frontier of North Annam, the communique said.—Reuter.

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Britain Increasing Her Gold Reserves

London, January 12.

Britain's gold and dollar reserves increased by £20 million during the last quarter, the Treasury announced today.

Having fallen from £552 million at the end of March, when the European Recovery Programme began, to £457 million at the end of last month.

In the last quarter, the net gold and dollar deficit of the sterling area, before allowing for ERP receipts, was £93 million against £76 million in the third, £107 million in the second, and £147 million in the first quarter.

Of the deficit of £93 million, £6 million was covered by the drawings on the International Monetary Fund paid into the control reserves held in London, leaving £87 million to be met from the reserves or from ERP aid.

The reimbursement of ERP aid during the quarter was £107 million, hence the increase of £20 million in the reserves. It was officially stated today: "The drain on the reserves in keeping largely in line with our ERP allocations, after allowing for special resources such as India's drawings on the International Monetary Fund."

Good As Gold

Although the ERP authorities in Washington overlook some of the arrears of reimbursements during the last quarter, they can never get exactly current.

When ERP ends in June, 1952, Britain will still be owed some reimbursements, though less than the present figure of £90 million. Such a debt, due from the United States Treasury, may be regarded as good as gold, even though not actually in the gold reserves until a little later.

During the first three quarters of 1948, the sterling area's net deficit was £276 million. Of this, £112 million was covered from the International Monetary Fund and a balance of £244 million is now about three-fifths of the £455 million of ERP aid allocated to the sterling area for the first five quarters ending next June (£425 million to Britain and £30 million to Eire, which is within the sterling area).

A Good Sign

Thus the sterling area is succeeding in living within the volume of dollar aid that it is getting, but it still has to arrange to live without dollar aid after June, 1952.

Each of the last three quarters had one quarter's reimbursement in gold from South Africa of hard currency paid out by Britain on South Africa's behalf. As these settlements are made one quarter in arrears, Britain at the end of December was also owed one quarter's reimbursement from South Africa.

MOSCOW LATEST

London, January 12.

The Western world does not have as accurate time as that in Russia. Radio Moscow claimed today.

The broadcast said the Russians' time measurement is accurate to 0.006 seconds. It pointed out that this compares with 0.009 in Britain, 0.009 in Washington and 0.017 in France. —United Press.

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Charleroi, January 12.

A panel of medical experts confirmed today that 61-year-old Jean Clobours, a farmer of Leves, near Charleroi, is dead and should be buried.

The funeral of Clobours, who died last Saturday, had been postponed because his relatives and friends believed that he is alive. —Reuter.

Wheat Agreement Chances Slim

Washington, January 12.

The chances of an international agreement on wheat being reached at the World Conference beginning on January 25 are considered slim.

The prospects are much less favourable even than last year when a proposed five-year agreement broke down because the United States failed to ratify it.

Last year's agreement was negotiated against a background of high prices and scarcity, with none foreseeing that these two factors could undergo much change in the next five years. Today the situation has altered and the initiative in seeking agreement has been transferred largely from importing to exporting nations.

In the coming year wheat supply and demand will probably be approximately equal and in the following two years supply will exceed demand. These facts impose on importers an extremely difficult choice in committing themselves to take certain quantities at fixed prices.

Price levels will provoke long argument at the coming conference and the opinion is growing that unless exporters are willing to take a long-sighted view and accept lower maximum and minimum prices than those proposed last year, there is little chance of a new agreement.

Last year France and China were big importers. This year France may even become a limited exporter. The situation in China is uncertain and there is the future possibility that the Argentine may seek to participate as an exporter with Australia, Canada and the United States.

ERP Complication

Both Russia and the Argentine have been invited to the conference, although neither were parties to the 1948 agreement. Russia is unlikely to attend, but it is believed that the Argentine, which is today feeling the effects of increased world supplies on its wheat sales, may choose to become a partner in any future agreement.

The situation is further complicated by the European Recovery Programme, as it affects Canada. The Dominion is anxious to regain its independent footing in its historical European markets, including most of the Marshall Plan nations, excluding Britain, with which it has bilateral arrangements on wheat.

Bishops Break Off Talks

Budapest, January 12.

The Bench of Bishops of the Catholic Church in Hungary announced today that it is unable to continue negotiations with the Hungarian Government, begun shortly after the arrest of the Hungarian Primate, Cardinal Mindszenty.

The talks began on January 4 at the request of the Prime Minister, M. Istvan Dobi, but only one meeting took place. The second, due last Saturday, was cancelled without explanation at the last minute.

The bishops, announcing their decision in a letter to the Premier, said they had discussed current problems between the Church and State at a meeting on Monday and had found that for the moment they are not in a position to continue the talks. Some of the 12 members of the Bench of Bishops are personally in favour of continuing the negotiations and four are definitely opposed.

Budapest political circles believe the bishops had received instructions from the Vatican on the talks. —Reuter.

Panay Volcano In Eruption

Manila, January 13.

Hot lava is spilling over the crater of a volcano thought extinct on Panay Island, a Manila Times dispatch said today.

Government volcanologists in Manila state that no official reports have been received from the Central Philippines on the crater activity.

The Times said a single stream of lava is trickling down Burni Mountain near Leon municipality and is threatening a banana plantation. Leon is 20 miles North West of Iloilo, Panay's capital. Mountain people reported fire and smoke ejected from the crater every 30 minutes. Leon town officials who visited the spot reported that isolated huts of non-Christian tribes living on the thickly forested mountain side are not in danger. —Associated Press.

Unrest Cause Of Rice Shortage

Washington, January 12.

Political disturbances which have restricted transportation have kept 300,000 tons of Burma rice off the world markets in 1948.

This is according to a report by the Foreign Agricultural Relations Office of the Agriculture Department.

Burma, which before the war was the most important exporter of rice, showed the greatest promise for recovery toward pre-war production and trade until August.

About 1,650,000 tons of rice was reported available for export during 1948. Since August, however, political disturbances had resulted in an accumulation of stocks in the interior of the country and lack of rice at ports for shipment abroad. The amount exported in 1948 was therefore limited to 1,350,000 tons.

Burma's 1948-49 rice acreage will also probably be reduced by the continued civil disturbances, from 9,250,000 acres in 1947-48 to approximately 8,000,000 acres, and with average to good yields, the crop will be about 15 per cent less.

Even with a resumption of normal political conditions, the report says, Burma's exports are not expected to reach the 1948-49 level.

total, which was only 41 per cent of the pre-war average.

Indo-China

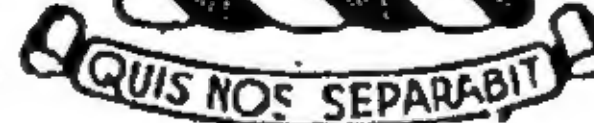
Siam is expected to be the primary export source in 1949, with shipments totalling 1,375,000 tons or 88 per cent of before the war. This compares with 850,000 tons in 1948.

Political unrest is also blamed for retarded recovery in French Indo-China's rice production. Exports in 1948 were approximately 200,000 tons, which was a big increase over 1947, but still only 12 per cent of pre-war deliveries. Unless the political situation improves, it is not expected that export quantities available in 1949 will exceed 1948.

In most of the other producing countries, exports available are expected to approximate last year's totals. Madagascar, Italy and South America are the exceptions, with a sharp drop in supplies in both Brazil and Ecuador.

The report attributes some decline in South American acreages to the fact that prices since 1947 are considered there to be unprofitable. —Reuter.

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Arrivals	Sailings
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"BOISSEVAIN" from South America 20th March.	to South Africa 21st March.
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from South America 21st May.	to South Africa 22nd May.

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"VAN RIEMSDIJK" from B. Deli 27th Jan.	to Straits 28th Jan.
"VAN HEUTSZ" in port	to Straits 28th Jan.

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"MARISKERE" from Europe 27th Jan.	to Europe via Manila & Straits 28th Jan.

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Bank of Communications 4 1/2, 4 1/2, 4 1/2.
Bank of East Asia 4 1/2, 4 1/2, 4 1/2.
SHIPPING:
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Union Line 37 1/2, 37 1/2, 37 1/2.
China Navigation Co. 37 1/2, 37 1/2, 37 1/2.
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SHIPPING FARES REDUCED
Singapore, January 13.
Keen shipping competition has resulted in the cutting of deck fares to all South China ports as of the first week in January. Rates to Amoy, however, remain unchanged.
Deck fares from Singapore to Hong Kong and Hanoi will be reduced from ST\$580 to ST\$400. Fares to Swatow will drop from ST\$595 to ST\$495. Associated Press.

NY RUBBER
New York, January 13.
Crude rubber standard futures closed quiet with no sales. Crude rubber No. 1 futures closed two to three lower. Sales were 60 contracts.
March 19 1/2 - 20
May 18 1/2 - 19
July 18 1/2 - 19
September 18 1/2 - 19
Spot No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 10 1/4 nominal. Associated Press.

SINAI DESERT OIL STRIKE
Cairo, January 13.
The Anglo-Egyptian oilfields announce that their engineers at Assiut in the Sinai Desert area have struck off in that region. They add that first estimates suggest a daily yield of 5,000 tons. Associated Press.

Ship	From	Arrive	Depart
"ALAMO VICTORY"	San Francisco	Jan. 14	Jan. 15
"GOVERNOR DIXON"	Los Angeles	Jan. 14	Jan. 15
"LOUIS BLOIS"	Los Angeles	Jan. 14	Jan. 15
"SUNSHINE"	San Francisco	Jan. 14	Jan. 15
"SEA SERPENT"	San Francisco	Jan. 14	Jan. 15

Opposition By U.S. Operators

Washington, January 13.

America's privately-owned merchant marine has launched a new campaign to keep Japan from getting back into the world ocean carrying trade on a pre-war basis.

Through their official organization, the National Federation of American Shipping, U.S. ship operators claim that present water-borne Japanese commerce can support only about 2,000,000 tons of shipping.

"Japan should be allowed enough ships to carry all of her overseas trade and one-half of her overseas business," a spokesman of the Federation said. "But Tokyo is after some 4,000,000 tons, which means Japan is out to drive ships of other nations off the seas through cheap wages and other low operating costs."

Nor should Japanese ships be allowed to invade other ports and trades where international incidents may be created, the Federation said in a statement on the present state of the American Merchant Marine.

"The Japanese merchant marine should not be allowed to expand beyond reasonable requirements of their domestic and foreign commerce," the statement added in reference to the possible place the Japanese merchant marine fleet may occupy in the future.

Firm Belief

This is interpreted by the Federation spokesman as meaning enough ships to handle all the near sea business and one-half of the deep sea traffic.

The Japanese have about 1,500,000 tons of commercial craft, according to American Shipping Federation estimates. The private U.S. operators profess to be firm in their belief that 2,000,000 tons would be sufficient for Japanese needs in the foreseeable future.

The American operators point to the recently reported Japanese request for 120 American "Liberty" ships as evidence that the Japanese are out to re-enter the international carrying trade.

"Such a ship acquisition would bring the Japanese fleet back to 1935 level," a U.S. Shipping Federation spokesman said. "The Japanese claim is that with such ships they can do the deep sea carrying for other nations, thereby earning American dollars which would reduce the cost of the Japanese occupation upon the American taxpayer."

Driven Off

However, should such a development be permitted, American merchant ships, as well as those of other nations, will be driven off the seas, according to the Federation.

American ship operators, through their Federation, are seeking to learn from the State Department, the Army and other American agencies concerned what they are planning for Japan's merchant fleet.

Thus far, the official agencies say, the question has not been decided, and they decline to make estimates of the tonnage Japan may be allowed.

It is generally reported that the American planners for Japan feel she should have a merchant fleet sufficient to handle all of her waterborne trade, both domestic and international. Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS
Seattle, January 13.
Departure: David C. Shanks for Yokohama; American Mail for Yokohama. San Francisco: departure: Jan. 11, Frederick Funston for Yokohama. Associated Press.

Ship	From	Arrive	Depart
"ALAMO VICTORY"	San Francisco	Jan. 14	Jan. 15
"GOVERNOR DIXON"	Los Angeles	Jan. 14	Jan. 15
"LOUIS BLOIS"	Los Angeles	Jan. 14	Jan. 15
"SUNSHINE"	San Francisco	Jan. 14	Jan. 15
"SEA SERPENT"	San Francisco	Jan. 14	Jan. 15

London Stock Exchange

London, January 12.

Fears of tax on royalties received by the British South Africa Company, holders of mining rights in Rhodesia, brought in sellers of the shares today. The price fell sharply to 55/- and provided one of the few features of a quiet day.

The Exchange remains politically conscious and trading today was very small and insufficient to test price levels. Government securities were without major alteration but there was some irregularity in industrial, however, shares encountered profit-taking and moved lower and there were small falls in transport issues.

Iron, steel and building groups, however, were better. Oil was out of favour and there was some selling of shares. This resulted in the lowering of prices for Anglo-Iranian and Burmah Oil. Keen demand for certain European bonds produced marked firmness in Czechoslovakian and Prussian 4 1/2%. Others remained steady.

Foreign rails showed scattered firmness in Brazilian issues. Wage demands by workers in the industry continued adversely to affect South African mining shares. Loans were widespread and the action closed weak.

SECURITIES:
British Consols, 2 1/2%, 100 1/2, 100 1/2.
Conversion Loan, 3 1/2%, 100 1/2, 100 1/2.
Funding Loan, 4 1/2%, 100 1/2, 100 1/2.
War Loan, 3 1/2%, 100 1/2, 100 1/2.
Victory Bonds, 4 1/2%, 100 1/2, 100 1/2.

INDUSTRIALS:
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Imperial Chemical Industries (of G.B. & Ireland) 5 1/2, 5 1/2.
TEA SHARES:
Assam Consolidated Tea 2 1/2, 2 1/2.
Assam Frontier Tea 1 1/2, 1 1/2.
Assam Tea Company 2 1/2, 2 1/2.
Dooars Tea Company 2 1/2, 2 1/2.
Emp. of India & Ceylon Tea Co. 1 1/2, 1 1/2.
Imperial Tea Company 2 1/2, 2 1/2.

RUBBER SHARES:
Anglo-Dutch Plantation of Java 1 1/2, 1 1/2.
Guala-Kalumpang Rubber Estate 1 1/2, 1 1/2.
Rubber Plantation Invest. Trust 1 1/2, 1 1/2.
MINE SHARES:
Burmah Corp. 6 1/2, 6 1/2.
Crown Mines 3 1/2, 3 1/2.
Nyanza Mines 1 1/2, 1 1/2.
Rand Mines 4 1/2, 4 1/2.
Rhodesia Mines 7 1/2, 7 1/2.
Rob. Mines 3 1/2, 3 1/2.
Tanganyika Tea Co. 1 1/2, 1 1/2.
Union Corporation 2 1/2, 2 1/2.

SHIPPING:
P. & O. Steam Navigation Co. 6 1/2, 6 1/2.
Funding Loan, 3 1/2, 104 1/2.
National War Bonds, 2 1/2, 104 1/2.

FOREIGN BONDS:
Japanese 5 1/2, 190 1/2, 190 1/2.
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